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Relentless. Remarkable. Resourceful. Respected.

Just a few of the words that described the goals students, administration, faculty and staff reached, and continued to strive for in the next century. Accept the challenge. Are you ready to take West Virginia University into the new millennium?

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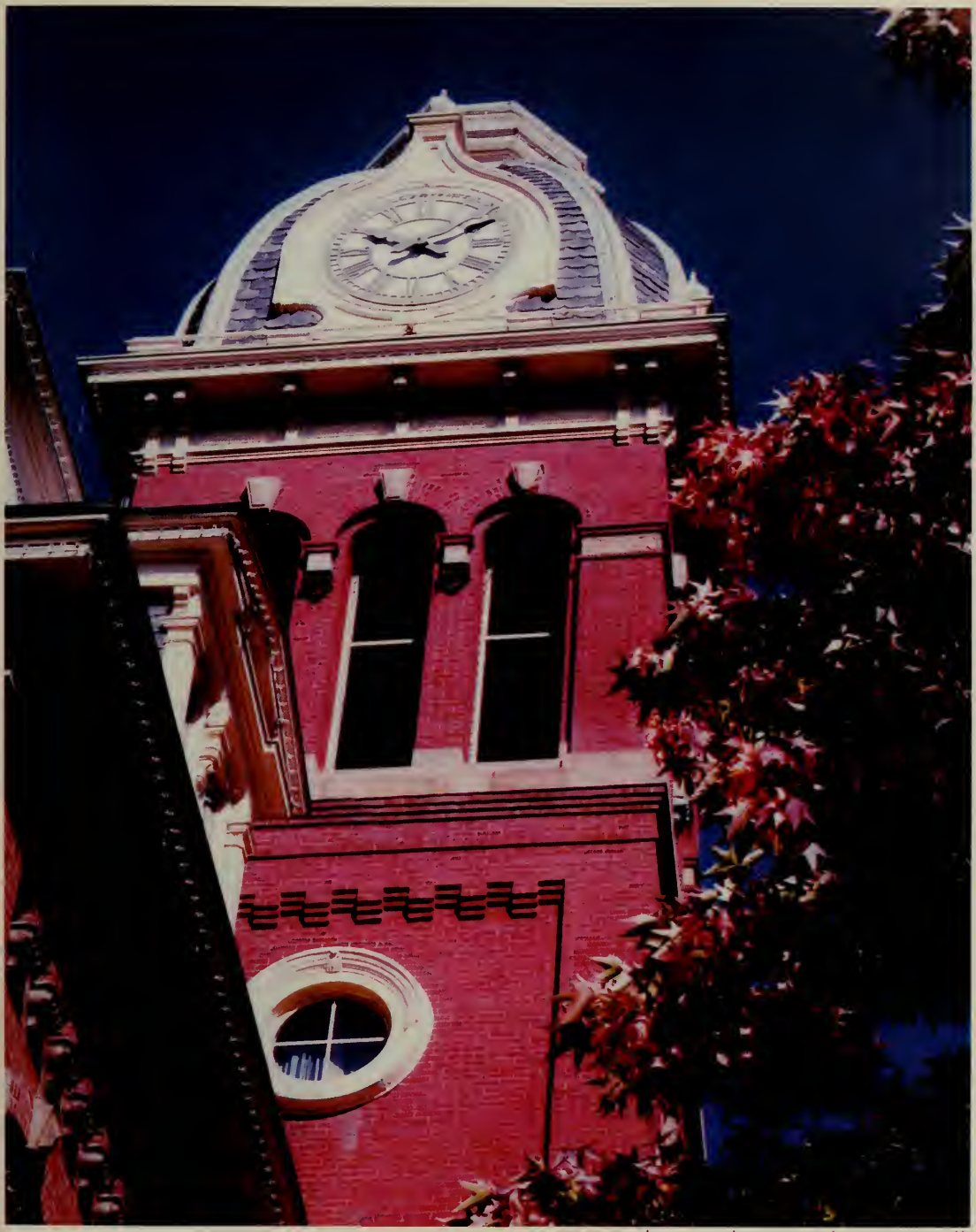

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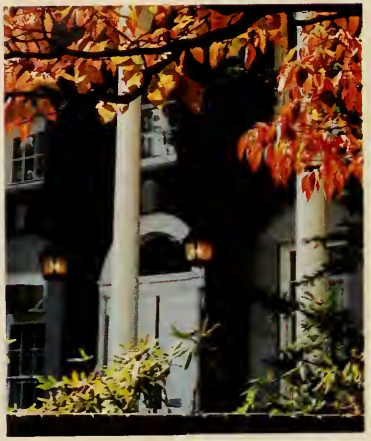
The size of the incoming freshmen class was so large that the dorms could not house all of these new students. Relentless were the freshmen who choose to stay although their first few weeks on campus were spent at the Holiday Inn.

Remarkable was the success of the various Jump-Start programs. Students veered off the paths leading to parties and bars and headed toward the Mountianlair, lured by the excitement of WVUp All Night.



FOR THE EXPERIENCE

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Resourceful- the amount of time and effort University officials put into the **development** of new buildings on **campus.** Ground broke early in the fall semester to begin constructing a **new** Life Sciences building and Wise Library addition.

WERE YOU THERE?

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Respected, the national ranking showed that WVU was still one of the top ten best buys in the country. The University dropped

off the list as the number one party school and rose to the top in terms of programs and costs. And, this was only the beginning of a new millennium in the world- and at WVU.

FOR THE MEMORIES

2000

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Campus Life

Events, Trends, Traditions, Issues

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Significant events propelled students out of one millennium into another. Trends created an atmosphere of individualism. And, students developed opinions on campus issues. Yet, we were bound by University traditions that kept Mountaineer spirit alive.

Students gather on High Street to watch the last homecoming parade of the century. *Photo By Chastity Everly*

Restaurants offered a break from the stress of classes and the usual dorm food. *Photo By Stefanie Weich*

Mountaineers stop to meet friends in Mountainlair Plaza, a typical hangout. *Photo By Frank Jacquez*

At FallFest, students cheer for rap star Busta Rhymes. *By Student Photo Services*

The diverse facets of the University: playing basketball on the Plaza; Brad Lewis warming up for a showdown; Jr. Pezz rocking the Wine and Jazz Festival; Gladys Knight singing at the CAC, firing rays of color during the Balloon Festival, raising domestic violence awareness; celebrating heritage in the Mountainlair; Marvelous 3 jamming at FallFest.

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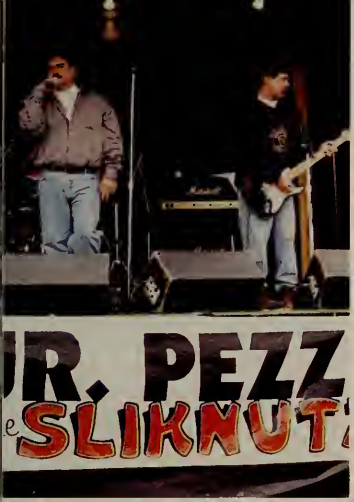


Events

are you ready to go?

While some students left the Mountaineer Green, others waited patiently for Busta Rhymes to take center stage at FallFest. • Homecoming, highlighted by the crowning of the king and queen, was a spirited event. • Morgantown night life underwent a change when the popular freshmen hangout Speedy's was transformed into Phantoms. • Never fear, tradition was only a block away as the popular band Jr. Pezz continued to rock at the Brass Alley.

Busta fires up the crowd with a variety of rap songs. Students waited impatiently for Busta, who arrived an hour after his scheduled time, while other performances concluded. Earlier in the evening 2000 balloons were released to kick off the last FallFest of the millennium. *Photos by Student Photo Services*

FallFest

Starting with a Rhyme

by Bruce Sachs, *Daily Athenaeum Staff*

The semester kicked off with a bang as the annual FallFest concert welcomed students back to school. Local favorite The Argument started the evening with an energetic set and were followed by Marvelous 3, Everything and Busta Rhymes.

Directly in front of the performance stage and about 30 yards away, a huge sound stage filled the center of the Mountainlair greenspace. Spectators had to squeeze between the two obstructions or stand to the side to watch the performances. Most found a spot early, but the mass of people slowly grew as the concert progressed.

Before the concert started WVU alumnus Michael Subit stated, "I'm looking forward to seeing The Argument and then maybe some comedy shows in the Lair."

The Argument took the stage with a medium-sized crowd waiting for them right in front. The band only had time to perform seven songs, but their performance was lively.

Sophomore Julia Moore was very excited to see the Morgantown band. "They're my favorite band, "she said. "I love Scott, Brent, Matt and Chris."

However, not all those on the Plaza shared her enthusiasm. With no band in the lineup to meet his tastes, freshman Brian Cox stated, "I'm not here to see any band in particular. I don't like Busta and I didn't like the first band."

The second band to greet the audience was the Atlanta trio Marvelous 3. Lead singer Butch Walker started the set by shouting, "This isn't a chess tournament, this is a rock concert. Let's hear some noise!" From there, the band went on to energize a slowly-growing crowd into a jumping frenzy.

Impressed by the performance senior David Goeddel stated, "Even if I had pink eye, I would never have missed Marvelous 3 at the Lair Plaza."

Sandwiched between Marvelous 3 and headliner Busta Rhymes was the Virginia musical group Everything. The band opened with a tight performance all around.

FallFest seemed to be a success for most. The diverse lineup provided something for nearly everyone to enjoy, but Busta Rhymes stole the show before he even stepped foot on stage.

WERE YOU THERE? ▼

Late Night FallFest

WERE

YOU THERE?

Spirit

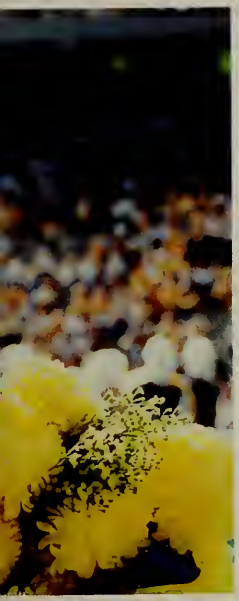
Floats

Pride

Friends

The newly crowned royalty, Peter Love and Brea Kratz, smile after the announcement of the Homecoming Court. All of the candidates campaigned throughout the week of Homecoming. Love's followers wore shirts with the slogan "Let's Make Love." *Photo by The Daily Anthanieum*

Mountaineer Mascot Brandon Flowers leads the excited crowd in the popular Mountaineer battle cry "Let's Go... eers" as he runs down High Street during the Friday night Homecoming parade. This was Flowers' second year as mascot. *Photo by Student Photo Services*



The WVU Alumni Band marches down High Street. The returning members of the Pride of WV used this Homecoming occasion to return to their college roots and to visit with old friends. ***Photo by Student Photo Services***

Homecoming
Celebrating with Style

by Tara Novick, *Literary Editor*

Traditions abounded for the last Homecoming of the century.

People lined the sidewalks of High Street, excited for the start of the annual Homecoming parade. The parade, among many other activities, has become a tradition of the Homecoming Festivities in Morgantown.

Many organizations, including fraternities, sororities, community organizations and homecoming candidates, spent the week preparing for the parade.

Sometimes making floats can be a costly procedure. As a result, many sororities and fraternities coupled together to produce the perfect float. Many Greeks chose to portray the Mountaineer fighting the Rutgers Scarlet Knights on their float.

The floats covered in multicolored crepe paper slowly rolled down the street at dusk on Friday night. Some people even threw candy from their floats, delighting children and adults as they raced to recover the broken bits.

The Pride of West Virginia wrapped up the parade, marching in tightly formed lines down the street. Students and alumni cheered as they bounced to the fight song.

"The band is the best part of the parade. It's the only reason I came," said veterinary science major Sara Hoewing. "They are just so good."

The parade was not the only place fans could see the band. They also introduced the football team at the game on Saturday afternoon. A clear, warm day brought many fans to the stadium to watch the Mountaineers take on Rutgers.

However, the main attraction for many was the crowning of the homecoming queen and king during the halftime show. After each candidate was introduced, President Hardesty and Mrs. Hardesty crowned Peter Love and Brea Kratzert as homecoming queen and king.

As the game drew to a close, fans were not disappointed. The Mountaineers slaughtered the Scarlet Knights *62 to16.* *continued on page 18*

Royalty

Crowning the Winners

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The win was a high point of the Mountaineer season.

After the game, students returned to houses throughout campus to celebrate the victory. Parties lined the cracked sidewalks on Grant Avenue and other streets throughout Sunnyside, and students crowded the local clubs. People were generous with the kegs as they shouted invitations to passerby and neighbors.

The last homecoming of the century was a memorable day- and night- highlighted by a Mountaineer win.

Receiving an embrace after being announced king, Love smiles. Love's campaign captured students' attention. *Photo by Student Photo Services.*

As she waves to the crowd at the parade, Queen Brea Kratz, still in anticipation of the big crowning event, takes a moment to thank all those who supported her during her campaign. Candidates dedicated a lot of hard work to running for king or queen. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

WERE YOU THERE?

Gold

Blue

Fans

Night

Experiencing Mo-town After Dark

by John Bloshnich

When the sun sets in Morgantown, the streets, dorms, and houses come alive. After a long day of classes and papers and professors, everyone gears up to go out and have fun-- WVU style.

The various bars became meccas for the scholastically oppressed. And house parties always gathered in a decent crowd to watch keg-stands. The live music scene also provided an outlet for the week's worth of work.

Local music found a strong following in Morgantown.

Bands such as The Argument, Jr. Pezz, and The Recipe packed in students eager to relax and dance.

Freshman pre-business major Jessica Hill said, "I love to go out and see Jr. Pezz. They play different genres of music, and they really know how to loosen up a crowd and have a good time."

Jason Blosnich, a sophomore accounting major explained one of The Argument's shows: "They played all kinds of songs-- some of their own, and they did some really cool covers. Everyone was having a pretty good time."

Live music was not always necessary; a lot of students just went out to bars to hang out with friends--or make one or two new ones.

Freshman pre-business major Kristen Yester said, "I usually like to go out to Longshotz or The Stone Pony. You never fail to see someone you know, and it's pretty laid back."

Greg Buzzard, another freshman pre-business major, stated, "I generally start a night out at a couple parties. Then I head downtown-- usually to The Brass Alley or Longshotz."

From live music to bar-hopping to a noise ordinance-violating house party, students knew how to ease the stress of classes. Nothing cured college burnout like a night on the town.

WERE

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Music

Pool

Drinks

Laughs

Morgantown lights up the night as students walk downtown to the various restaurants and bars. Students also ventured to house parties and other University activities like plays at the Creative Arts Center on the Evansdale campus.

Enjoying the night air, students sit on the Brownstone Apartments' steps. The complex was ready in May for first-time residents.

Singing at the Wine and Jazz Festival, Jr. Pezz and the Slicknutz entertain the taste testers. The festival was held at Chesnut Ridge Park in Preston County.

From the Lair, Mountainline buses transported students to the annual event.

Eyebrow rings showed expression, bookbags supported a heavy load, students created Halloween costumes, wrestling moved into the mainstream, lazy days enjoyed on the Wise Library lawn, hair color changed continuously, nights spent swing dancing and being artistic were all trends embedded in the campus.

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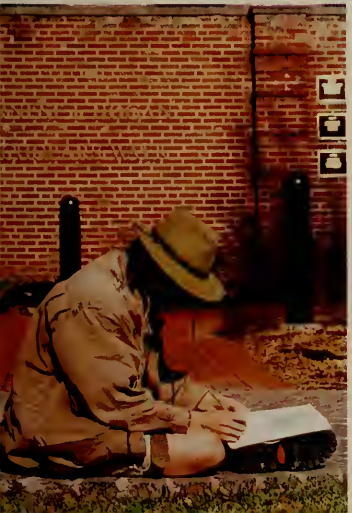

Trends

are you ready to be in style?

Fashions from the past made a roaring comeback. • Styles ranging from pedal pushers to bell bottoms were seen around campus. • However, many students decided to make an expression in a more permanent way when they delved into the colorful world of tattooing, with the occasional piercing. • As trends changed, so did our eating habits. • Some stuck with a Junior Cheeseburger from the Lair or strombolies from the Dairy Mart; others opted for a more healthy approach with organic treats.

hot

salty

sweet

spicy

sour

smooth

crunchy

snacks

by Eric Cummings

Grrr, roar, growl, rumble, these are the sounds of the starving tummies that make up the typical student. Whether it's breakfast, lunch, dinner or just munching, everyone has to eat.

The Surgeon General reported that it's important to start your day with a hearty breakfast. Jolene Lawton, a senior public relations major, was a firm believer in this practice. "I never skip breakfast, even if it's just a bowl of Peanut Butter Crunch cereal. I can't stand sitting in class on an empty stomach. It makes it harder for me to concentrate."

Junior Dave Jebo said he did most of his munching at lunchtime. "When twelve o'clock rolls around I'm standing in line at Wendy's... the ninety-nine cents menu fills me up for less."

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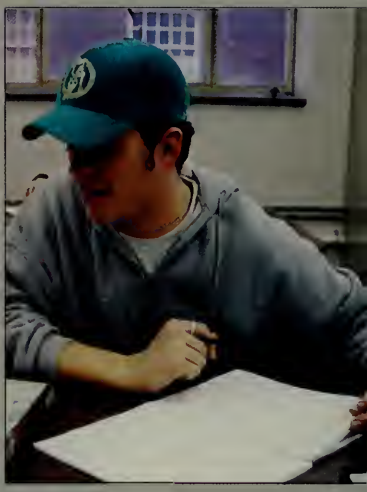

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Participating in the Beard Growing Contest, performing at summer band practice, supporting the Red Cross, recognizing Stewart Hall, tailgaiting at the football games, leading the parade, training in the forest and launching 2000 balloons before FallFest were all traditions students shared.

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Traditions

are you ready to carry them on?

Activities during Mountaineer Week blended traditions like the Beard Growing Contest with new events such as the Sbarros Pizza Making Contest. • WVUp All Night also still thrived as the administration added more activities appealing to a variety of students. • Tailgating, of course, remained true to its name. However, students continued to adapt to the "Pit" rules. • But, students were always prepared to cheer on the Mountaineers.

Munchies After Hours

Each weekend there was a variety of new events for students such as participating in a magic show. *Photo by Daily Antheanum Staff*

Although it was Halloween, students still visited WVUp All Night to take a break from the evening's festivities. Beauty and the Beast grab some of the free food in front of J.A.C.S.

Munching on hot dogs, nachos, popcorn and drinking soda during WVUp All Night gave students and opportunity for a no-cost, late night snack. Whether returning from the bars, studying or visiting with friends, students enjoyed gathering in the Mountainlair.

WVUp All Night

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It's Friday night. You're walking from bar to bar. Suddenly, you feel so hungry you can't stand it. You reach in your pockets and you realize that they are now bottomless holes containing absolutely no cash. It's one am. and you can't afford to take off to another bar, so what else can you do? There's always WVUp All Night.

"WVUp All Night is a great place to go when you get the late night munchies and you're low on cash."
-Sophomore Jason Wells

The program was established in the spring of 1998 by the Department of Student Affairs as a weekend option for students as an alternative to the bar scene.

Freshman Justin Johnson recounted his first Up All Night memory. "Some of my friends told me it was a cool place to go late at night and get free food. So far the food is the only thing that I have tried, but I can't wait to try my rendition of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" at Karaoke."

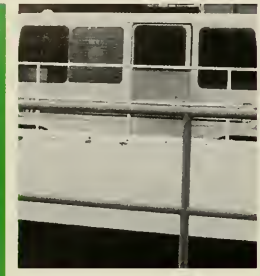
Thursdays through Saturdays, there were various activities in the Mountainlair that were free or discounted. Starting at seven pm. with free snacks, miscellaneous events ranging from movies and swing dancing to the quarterback challenge and astro bowling took place.

"My roommate and I like to go there for the free food and fortune-telling," said junior journalism major Erica White.

With the help of student participation, WVUp All Night was a successful and prosperous event.

Freshman physical education major Adam King said, "There's such a variety of activities, it's an enjoyable location to go for entertainment on a Friday night."

Beats the Walking



In an effort to modernize the PRT, the University began painting the cars a festive blue and gold.

Living In The PRT

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Enjoy the illuminatied view of the PRT and the city of Morgantown. Personal Rapid Transit, commonly know as the PRT, provided a pathway home for many students by using their Mountaineer Card as a ticket. In the evenings, the PRT stopped running at 10 pm. And, did not operate at all on Sundays.

The PRT allows students passage to all of the Morgantown campuses throughout the year. For those living on the Evansdale Campus, this was a convenient method of transportation to the Downtown Campus. Not just for students, faculty and other city residents utilized this service.

It's early in the morning and a student is going to their first class. A PRT covered with WCLG posters and Halloween stickers pulls up to the station. The student boards the car, not quite sure what to think of it, when a man with spiked black hair, a WCLG T-shirt and bright crazed blue eyes says, "How's it goin' man? Do you know what's going on?"

> "Early Monday morning people were giving me the weirdest looks, like...don't touch me you freak. But...the word spread a little, so it was cool."
> -Alumnus Tim Pogo

Wearing a pair of orange Converse sneakers, that guy, was none other than Tim Pogo from WCLG. He stayed in PRT Car Number 28 for a week. But, not just for fun.

"We're raising money for the Special Olympics. Our goal is one thousand dollars.

But why the PRT? "We needed to think of a wacky promotion to get everyone's attention," Pogo said that the idea came to him when he started thinking about a radio DJ who had stayed on a Ferris wheel for a month as a promotion.

The idea sounded even better because Pogo had no permanent address. "I graduated in May and my lease ended. "I have imposed on everyone I know...so that's why they picked me."

He was allowed the occasional meal or two in the car. "They bring the food to me or I get to go to a restaurant," said Pogo.

However, Pogo was not in solitary confinement. "I get bathroom and shower breaks," Pogo said with a grin, leaning his head on his red pillow.

People donated money for the cause during the week. And, some even tried to give a little more. "Some girls flashed me; I think they were freshman," Pogo shrugged.

So how does Pogo feel about leaving his temporary home? "I've had fun. It's been a blast! This is the first time WCLG has held such a fund-raiser, but there may be more living in the PRT in future. "Maybe we should make it a tradition."

Mountaineer Mania

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Positioned in front of the Lair, vendors from the community share their talents- and goods- with students.

A member of the Juggling Club displays his talent during Mountaineer Week. The week-long celebration preceding the football game against Virginia Tech allowed student organizations to showcase their areas of interest.

Making a clean slate, this student prepares for the annual Beard Growing Contest. Senior Andy Smith reigned again with the longest beard.

Celebrating Mountaineer pride was a strong tradition at the University. The last year of the twentieth century saw the 52nd annual Mountaineer Week.

Founded by Arch Moore in 1947, the celebration was first known as Mountaineer Day. Through the years, the commemoration evolved from Mountaineer Weekend to its present full week of festivities. This year, however Mountaineer Week exceeded a week, lasting from November 5-14.

"The goal to the week was a campus-wide and community-wide affair."
- Sonja Wilson

Mountaineer Week Coordinator Sonja Wilson was pleased with the turnout. She said, "It was a great success and a wonderful time- especially since it lasted for more than a week."

Some of the more popular events of Mountaineer Week included the PRT Cram, the Beard Growing Contest and the naming of Mr. and Mrs. Mountaineer.

In the past, the PRT Cram teams were composed of one fraternity and one sorority. However, this year there were so many entrants that teams were composed of a group of three fraternities and sororities. The Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Tau Delta team squeezed their way to a victory.

Senior Andy Smith took the Beard Growing Contest title for an unprecedented second year. And, during the Virginia Tech game Doug Skaff and Kari-Beth Law were named Mr. and Mrs. Mountaineer.

"The goal to the week was a campus-wide and community-wide affair," said Wilson. "This year we had Downtown Day, which hosted the first ever Campus versus Community Olympics," she added.

"For each side, there were three teams of six people, made up of many different people - from football players to City Council members. They competed in events like a backpack toss, office chair race and office supply search.

Community members and students were able to taste foods like cotton candy and funnel cakes, experience a presentation on fiddling and even purchase homemade goods from an arts and crafts fair.

"Everyone had a very good time," said Wilson.

Tradition's Best

Tamarack? No, it's Mountaineer Week where a variety of homemade arts, crafts and food goods were sold by West Virginia vendors.

Same Time, Same Place?

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The 131st Commencement was held at an unusual location. Due to the asbestos abatement of the Coliseum, the May 14, 2000 graduation ceremonies were moved to Mountaineer Stadium. The day's extremely nice weather quelled initial fears of having such a large, formal event open to the elements.

The ceremony began with the procession of students and a fanfare played by senior Chad Winkler, who won the award of the 2000 National Trumpeter. English professor Dr. James Harms followed with a reading of a poem written especially for the occasion – "When Graduation Day Falls on Mother's Day."

University President David Hardesty and West Virginia Governor Cecil Underwood each gave brief speeches before the commencement address by Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, entitled "Making a World of Difference."

Cuomo, an author and founder of the RFK Center for Human Rights, flew into Morgantown that morning from Washington, D.C. where she also spoke at the Million Mom March.

Her speech, encouraging graduates to take a stand on recent political issues such as gun control and human rights, received mixed feelings from the audience. Some clapped after poignant statements, while others applauded when Cuomo said she was drawing her speech to a close.

Jan Kaminski, who had a nephew among the graduates, said, "I thought the speaker was good, however her speech seemed long."

"I also thought that some of the people in the audience could have been more considerate," Kaminski continued.

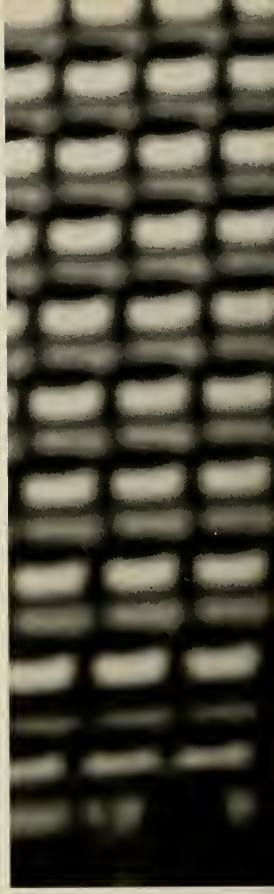
The decorating of graduation caps was a popular means of adding some fun to the ceremonies.

After Cuomo's speech, President Hardesty presented the master's and bachelor's degrees to the Class of 2000. Be it graduate school or searching for a job, graduates had various plans for their life after college.

Shanna Dick, a graduate in agriculture and forestry, said, "I'm heading out on an International 4-H Youth Exchange for a year, and then I'll go to grad school."

A fellow agriculture and forestry graduate, Amy Spurgeon, was not going far from Morgantown at all. She said, "Actually, I'm going to be starting class tomorrow for a master's degree, so I won't be leaving WVU just yet."

So in spite of the moved location, Commencement went very smoothly for the first class of the new millennium.



This scholar wears a gold gown, signifying that she graduates as a member of the Honors Program.

Degrees of Success

Completing one of life's milestones, this student prepares to participate in the graduation ceremonies. Due to the removal of asbestos from the Coliseum, the December 1999 Commencement was held in the CAC while Mountaineer Field housed the May 2000 ceremonies. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

All smiles, Shannon Summers and a friend celebrate the finale of their undergraduate studies. *Photo by Stephanie Dooley*

The University through the centuries: Legendary boxer Ali

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Y2K

are you ready for the millennium?

It was the most anticipated New Year's Eve celebration in our lifetime. • The world held its breath as clocks ticked to 12:01 on January 1, 2000. • Would it be the coming of Armageddon? • Would terrorists take their final revenge? • Would corporations and government systems run by modern technology cease to function? • Despite the hype- and a few computer glitches- 2000 arrived like any new year. • Well, maybe with just a few more fireworks.

Grooving with plenty of room, students made their way to the front of the crowd. The low attendance at FallFest made plenty of room for dancing as well as an informal, more personal, atmosphere. Local bands the Argument, Khiaro Scuro, Deja Vu, Differential and Dirtstar performed.

More than just a University Event

SpringFest Concert Finale, created to replace the canceled SpringFest, provided University students an alternative with a "relaxed environment" to the numerous house parties on Grant Ave.

In March, former BOG member Tricia Cartisano announced at the last BOG meeting for the 1999-2000 board that SpringFest was canceled because of a lack of funds. The cut in the University's funds was caused by Governor Cecil Underwood requiring all state institutions to cut their budgets by 3 percent.

To replace the canceled SpringFest, the University administration decided to provide the students with a concert featuring local bands. The event was originally called Blowout 2000, but the name was changed to SpringFest Concert Finale and took place at the Lair April 15. Local bands the Argument, Khiaro Scuro, Deja Vu, Differential and Dirtstar performed songs on the Lair Plaza. Also present was DJ Bearcat with 304 ReConz.

"It was really still in the same essence of SpringFest," said Mary Collins, assistant to the vice president of student affairs. "The only difference was the levels of bands that were present."

"It was difficult to overcome the adversity of going from big bands to local bands," said Student Administration President David Workman. "I think we accomplished what we set out to do. It was a safe alternative to being around house parties that were busted up by the police."

Although SpringFest was replaced with local bands, Collins said the funding would available to bring in a big name band for FallFest.

SpringFest

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Shouts and sounds of destruction were all that could be heard on Grant Ave. Residents of Sunnyside had their own version of SpringFest, which included a bonfire. *Photo by Lanae Greer*

The Argument preforms its usual set for local fans. Followers were not disappointed. The band played favorites such as inflatable Amy from their album Your New Favorite Band. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

The red ribbon this child displays both symbolizes and promotes AIDS awareness. The national campaign encouraged the acknowledgment of the disease and a show of compassion to its victims.

The Beatles' love for meter maids wasn't shared by students. Tickets ranged from five to ten dollars, and inconvenienced those who were forced to seek hard-to-find parking alternatives.

change & transformation

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The move to college was one of the largest changes in our lives. Once we were settled in a lovely, little dorm room or in a secure, cozy apartment, we realized that the move to college was more than a simple relocation to Morgantown.

The introduction of different ideas, cultures and peoples opened our minds to new ways of thinking.

Jessica McDonald, a junior English and international studies major, said, "I've changed in so many ways-- everything from questioning religion to getting my nose pierced. Meeting diverse groups of people has made me rethink my own beliefs and become more accepting ."

For sophomore advertising major Andrea Nelson, a major change in college was the shift in responsibility. "I never really had to try for good grades in high school-- in college it takes a lot more effort. This is for real," Nelson said.

"Money was another big change," she continued, "I learned to budget and manage funds-- mommy and daddy

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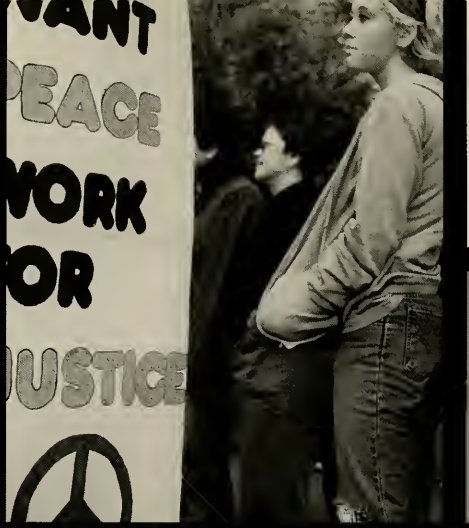
Oooh, just look at those big red eyes! Summer Session I and II students were in town for the plague of locusts that settled over Morgantown for several weeks.

Is it Halloween? No, it's just two students creatively displaying their individuality. By wearing anything-but-ordinary feline tails around campus these women turned the heads of passersby.

American sign language interpreter Theresa McGonigle mixes work with family and brings daughter, Rosie, on campus. In accordance with the Equal Opportunity Act, McGonigle acted as a liaison to hearing impaired students.

Free condoms! The Student Health Center distributed condoms like candy at different points around campus hoping to promote safe sex and to help prevent unwanted pregnancies.



"If you want peace, work for justice." This powerful handmade poster demonstrates the continuing quest for equality, while, students and community members gather to show their support.

The Blood red silhouettes of women and children create a dynamic display in the Mountainlair Gallery. The exhibit's purpose was to raise awareness of the domestic violence which exists in W V.

Porch furniture? Student residents were given citations when City Council voted against to living room furniture on porches. The furniture was banned because of aesthetic reasons, however it became a fire hazard when thrown on to the street and burned.

Dorm life never ceases to be exciting. These girls created decorations for their floor by hanging empty cardboard food boxes from the hallway ceiling.

confronting the issues

design by Larae Greer
layouts by Jessica McDonald

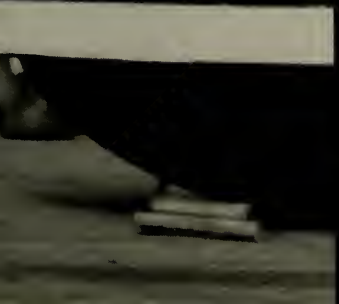
(*continued*) don't pay the bills anymore."

Perhaps the most dramatic change occurred as a result of the friendships forged and lost.

Larae Greer, a junior advertising and psychology major, learned a valuable life lesson. She said, "I recently lost a close friend, and it taught me that people just shouldn't-- and really can't-- take things for granted."

Heather Beissell, an advertising major, had a different view of friendship. "College is a time of learning about honesty; I've discovered that it is hard to trust people. It (college) lets you know who your real friends are. But overall I've had the best time of my life so far."

Whether it was talking with a friend while having a beer in an overcrowded bar, learning to love or hate a new roommate or discovering the downside of the credit card, we inevitably discovered that college transformed us in a variety of ways.



Some students spare no expense when it comes to stocking the liquor cabinet. Though the top ranked party school changed each year, partying and drinking, remained a major part of college life.

2000 are you ready?

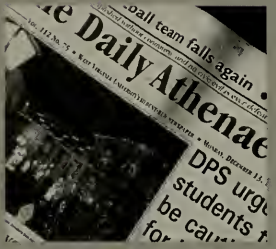
Academics

Professors, Credits, Majors, Pursuits

design by Heather Beissell and copy by Tara Novick

"Success-Expect It," the University's slogan was enhanced by academic opportunities such as the Honors Program and internships. Programs like the Festival of Ideas provided intellectual stimulation outside of the classroom. Both students and faculty met the academic challenges of the 176 degree programs in 13 schools and colleges.

Ruby Memorial Hospital served as a teaching facility, where students majoring in health-related fields gained practical experience. *Photo by Stephanie Dooley*



The Daily Athenaeum, the eyes and ears of campus, afforded journalism majors the opportunity to earn column inches.

Enhancing her academic experience, Jessica Brede plays the saxophone in the marching band.

Fabricating a gold crown, dental student Geoff Cunningham learns the techniques of his profession.

College of

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Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences

Dairy Cow Judging

Agribusiness
Management & Rural Development
Animal & Veterinary Sciences
Biochemistry
Environmental &
Natural Resources Economics
Environmental Protection
Wildlife & Fisheries Resources

Agricultural & Environmental Education
Agronomy
Basic Sciences
Horticulture

Child Development & Family Studies
Human Nutrition & Foods
Interior Design
Textile, Apparel & Merchandising

Forest Resource Management
Wood Industries

Landscape Architecture

Recreation, Parks & Tourism Resources

The College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences was the University's oldest academic unit. The University was originally known as the West Virginia Agricultural College. The West Virginia Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, established in 1888, conducted funded research with an annual budget of approximately $9,000,000.

The academic offerings continued to expand; the college offered a program in biochemistry in conjunction with the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. Students gained knowledge and skills outside the classroom using 3,425 acres of farmland and 8,134 acres of forest for teaching and research.

Students and student organizations were honored by the International Textile and Apparel Association, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, the American Physiological Society and the Society of America Foresters.

The Child Development Laboratory, University Greenhouse and Ice Creamery not only provided additional opportunities for learning and study, but offered a valuable community service.

The college also worked with other academic units, supporting interdisciplinary programs in genetics and developmental biology and reproductive physiology.

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Sarah Hoewing - Judging Udders?

The size and the shape of the udder and overall bone structure are all taken into account when cows strut down the grassy runways. As these cows begin their catwalk --or --cowwalk a group of agriculture students sit on the sidelines judging their every move and feature.

These students were part of a little known group called the West Virginia University Dairy Cattle Judging Team. However, the job they did was by no means little.

Students interested in joining the team were required to enroll in Animal Production 135 and were asked to join the team based on their performance in the class. Dr. Robert Dailey, the course instructor and coach of the team, handpicked the members.

Throughout the fall semester, team members practiced judging cows at the University farm and other surrounding areas. After just a few weeks of practice, they traveled to Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin to compete against other college teams in dairy cattle judging. This year's team consisted of four members, Lora Hammack, Sara Hoewing, Stephanie Meanor and Christy Stickel.

Junior Sara Hoewing a participant in the veterinary science program, said, "I liked traveling around to the many different farms because I got to see many parts of the country I've never seen before and I got to meet many interesting people."

After a long day of judging, team members attended an awards banquet at each competition. Awards were distributed among the various colleges for their judging ability and accuracy. Overall, the team fared well in the national competitions.

"Considering the amount of experience we had we did fairly well," said senior Stephanie Meanor. "We couldn't let ourselves get intimidated because if we did it shook our confidence. We just had to believe in ourselves."

The team also attended the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. The Expo is the nation's largest dairy convention. "The Expo was a great experience and it furthered my interest in dairy cattle and milk production," Hoewing said.

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Martina Miller

While some college students spent their mornings at home in bed, their afternoons on the couch watching TV and their weekends partying, one senior couldn't afford to rest, not even for a minute.

Martina Miller, a physical education major from Montego Bay Jamaica, worked three jobs during the school year, and carried a full load of classes.

"I worked about 36 hours a week at McDonalds, 12 hours a week at Boreman Hall, and 15 to 17 hours a week for WVU Catering," Miller said. "I also carried 18 credit hours last semester."

A typical day for Miller began with getting up early to start classes. "I took two or three classes each day and I tried to start them really early," Miller said. Then, it was off to Boreman Hall where Miller worked from 12:30 until 3:30 pm.

After that, "I tried to go home and sleep for an hour before I had to go to McDonalds to work for the evening. I usually didn't get home from there until between 1:00 and 3:00 am," Miller continued. " I had to find time to study in between. Then, on the weekends, I worked at WVU Catering."

How did she do it, and find time to study? She did it by making the most out of every spare minute in a day.

"It is tough to keep up your grades and work three jobs. Whenever I find a couple of minutes, I pick up a book and read a few chapters. If I find a little spare time, I squeeze the books in. You have to make every minute count and use your time wisely," Miller commented.

And, this busy work schedule was new to Martina. "I have to make money to pay my rent and personal expenses," Miller explained. "Before, all I had to worry about was running track after school and then going home to hit the books," Miller remembered.

"Now, I have to be really dedicated."

Eberly College of Arts and Sciences

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From the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, over 1,000 students were awarded degrees.

The College of Arts and Sciences was formally created in 1895. In 1993, however, the name of the College of Arts and Sciences was officially changed to the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences to recognize and commemorate the generosity of the Eberly family, the Eberly Foundation and the Eberly Family Charitable Trust.

The College provided students with a liberal education in the areas of literature and the humanities, mathematics and natural sciences and social and behavioral sciences. In addition to teaching, the College's 300 faculty members were actively engaged in research and scholarship.

The primary mission of the College was to promote the full development students as an individuals and as a members of society. Students earning degrees in Arts and Sciences fulfilled certain broad basic-education requirements and studied at least one subject in depth.

Striving to achieve one of the purposes of a college education, the College helped students acquire knowledge and skills for self-fulfillment and in preparation for the roles they would subsequently play in society.

The Stacks of Wise Library

Biology
Economics
Foreign
Languages
Geology
Mathematics
Political Science
Sociology & Anthropology
Chemistry
English
Forensic
Identification
History
Philosophy
Psychology
Statistics
Communication Studies
Environmental Geoscience
Geography
Interdepartmental Studies
Physics
Social Work

Computer Science

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Brandon Flower

Appearing in University events, as well as charity drives, elementary school functions and parades, the Mountaineer was truly a symbol of the entire state. And, being the symbol of not only the University, but also the state was a large undertaking.

In his second year as mascot, Brandon Flower said, "It's a really big honor and responsibility that I really don't comprehend right now. I have the image of the University and the state to uphold."

"I remember trying out at the 1998 game against Uconn in the Coliseum. It was one of the biggest games in the history of West Virginia basketball and I was down on the court auditioning for the spot," Flower reflected.

Flower's time as the Mountaineer has not been all glorious, however. "I will always remember the big Syracuse basketball game. The Coliseum was packed and we won. Then there was the Insight.com Bowl game in Tucson, AZ. I got engaged there."

An advisory committee guided Flowers. The committee, composed of a student, a member of the Athletic Department and a Student Affairs staff member, helped him with his duties.

"My advice for the next Mountaineer would be that above all be optimistic and enthusiastic. The Mountaineer represents the University and the state, and that's a large responsibility. People are always watching you, whether it is at games, in class or in the Mountainlair. Always use common sense," commented Flowers.

Flower academics power

Robert Frost writes, "Nature's first green is gold," and at the University greenhouses, students

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and staff work their green thumbs, cultivating everything from cacti to carnations.

College of

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Business and Economics

Studying in B & E

Accounting
Business Administration
Business Management
Human Resource Management
Management Information Systems
Finance
Marketing

Economics

Business & Foreign Languages

The College of Business and Economics, created in 1951, held continuous accreditation by The International Association for Management Education (AACSB). The College earned separate accreditation status for its accounting program, signifying it as one of the best in the country. Fewer than 11 percent of all accredited business programs have earned this distinction.

Admission to the College was competitive. Students were required to complete 58 credit hours and have a grade point average of 2.5 before they could apply for admission to the College. Applicants to the graduate programs were evaluated on past academic performance, as well as work history. From the Mylan Distance Learning Center and the Joseph E. Antonini Dean's Suite and Distance Learning Classroom, the Executive M.B.A. program was offered via distance learning at nine sites in the state

The faculty was dedicated to teaching and research. And, small classes allowed for close student-faculty interaction.

In addition to their course work, students gained experience through internships arranged by the College's internship director, through community projects supported by the Callen Family Fund for Entrepreneurship or through service learning projects.

Dr. Russell Sobel- Over & Out

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Dr. Sobel's claim to fame was the use of walkie talkies. Sobel explained, "In the really large classes, it's difficult to learn names and get students involved. So, I came up with this idea to pass out a few walkie talkies to various students each day, and I write down their names. The walkie talkies are hooked up to the microphone in the room, and then the students can let me know what's going on in their lives, answer questions during class, and give feedback."

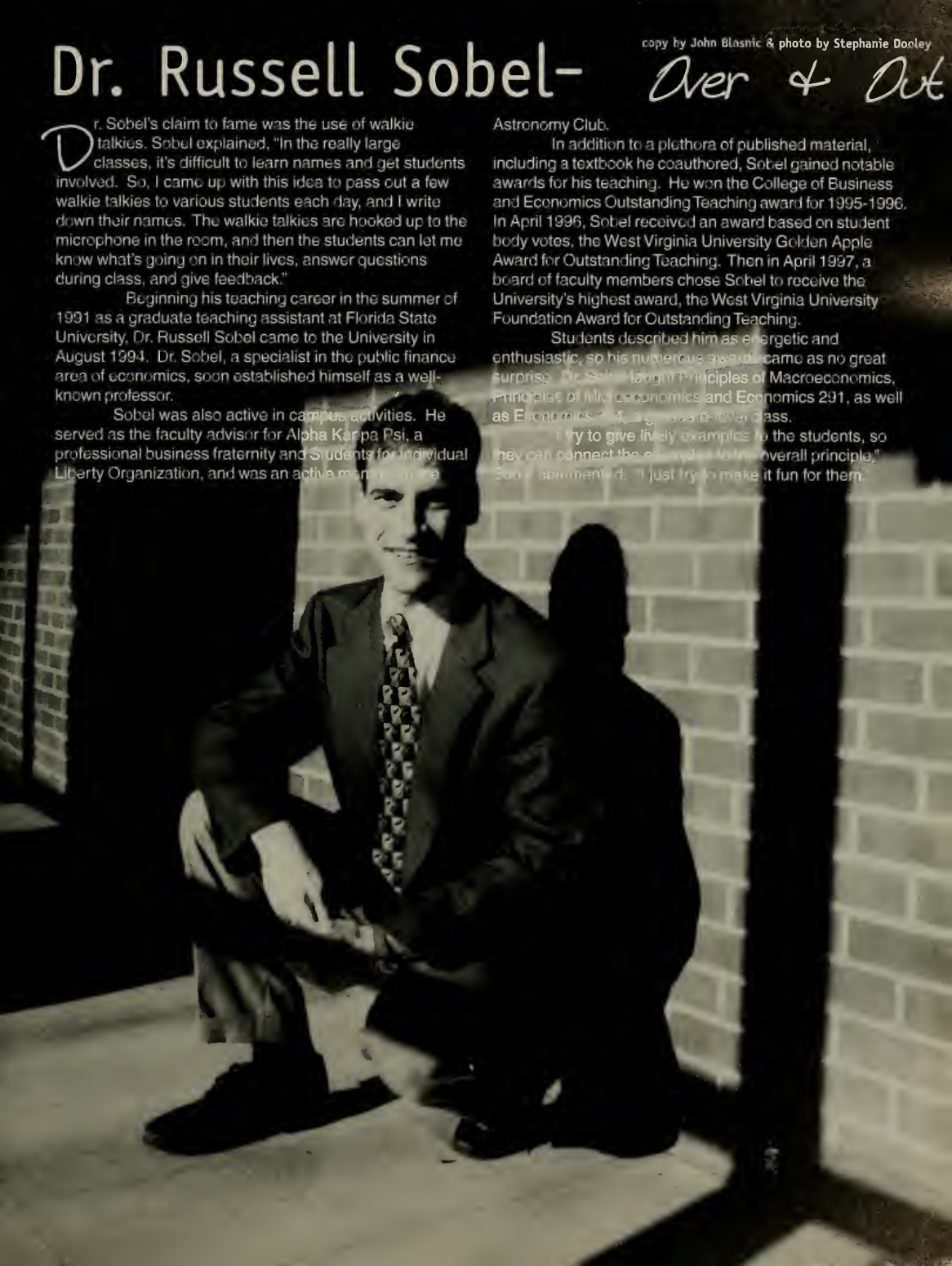
Beginning his teaching career in the summer of 1991 as a graduate teaching assistant at Florida State University, Dr. Russell Sobel came to the University in August 1994. Dr. Sobel, a specialist in the public finance area of economics, soon established himself as a well-known professor.

Sobel was also active in campus activities. He served as the faculty advisor for Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity and Students for Individual Liberty Organization, and was an active member in the Astronomy Club.

In addition to a plethora of published material, including a textbook he coauthored, Sobel gained notable awards for his teaching. He won the College of Business and Economics Outstanding Teaching award for 1995-1996. In April 1996, Sobel received an award based on student body votes, the West Virginia University Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Teaching. Then in April 1997, a board of faculty members chose Sobel to receive the University's highest award, the West Virginia University Foundation Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Students described him as energetic and enthusiastic, so his numerous awards came as no great surprise. Dr. Sobel taught Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics and Economics 291, as well as Economics [illegible] graduate-level class.

"I try to give lively examples to the students, so they can connect the examples to the overall principle," Sobel commented. "I just try to make it fun for them."



Premium academics blend

"The directors urge you to be possessive and protective about your show."

– Alicia Craw

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The smooth voice flows into the microphone and rolls out over the airwaves, in tribute to a century old profession.

Students applied for disc jockey and other positions during the first week of the semester.

Applicants were selected based on personal interviews and were required to devote 25 hours to observation as well as board and music library training.

Each DJ was assigned a specific time slot in which to broadcast their own show.

Night DJ Alicia Crall explained, "Everybody has a show. The directors urge you to be possessive and protective about your show. Having other DJs cover your show makes it less effective because people are used to hearing your voice at a specific time."

Senior Mary Coleman became program and music director, but she still enjoyed being on the air most. "I like being on the air and taking requests," she said.

The station was operated just like a professional radio station except that it was student-run and non-commercial. Rather than buying commercials, area businesses were urged to make donations or sponsor a specific show.

"It's a great experience," Coleman said. "Kids can work here and get a pretty good idea of what it's like at a real radio station."

College of

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Creative Arts

Consisting of the Divisions of Art, Music, and Theater and Dance, the College of Creative Arts was a family of about 750 students, faculty and staff.

The College was home to a World Music Center which possessed the finest collection of steel drums ever built by Ellie Mannette, inventor of the modern day steel drum. The Center also boasted the largest collection of African instruments in the world.

To help students better understand the global context of their futures, the College's divisions had educational links with programs in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe.

At the rate of well over two hundred activities a year, members of the College also provided performances, exhibitions, lectures, workshops and other presentations in schools and communities throughout the state and region.

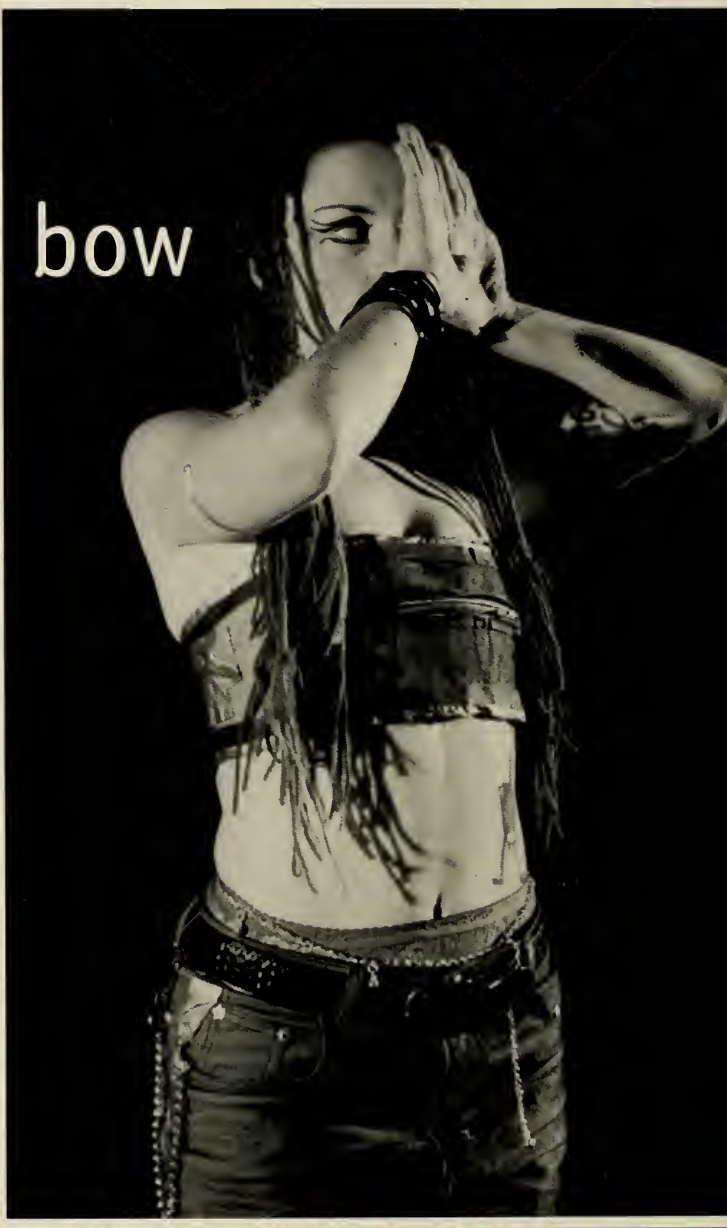
All academic programs-- from bachelor to master to doctorate degrees-- were nationally accredited and nationally recognized. The foundation of this comprehensive educational program was a faculty who consistently performed, exhibited, published and participated in state, national and international juried venues, as well as a dedicated staff who provided an effective and efficient support network.

The Pride of West Virginia

Visual & Performing Arts
Art History
Dance
Music
Theatre

Acting out academics

Students in the College of Creative Arts take a bow as they present



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the campus and community with stellar performances brimming with fascinating creativity.

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Nina Domingue

Nina Domingue was a creative arts graduate student who was full of life and passionate about the art of drama.

When asked to reveal her influences, Domingue's expression said, "Are you ready? Really ready?" Once she unleashed the extensive list of influences in her life, it became apparent why the question lit up her face.

Ruby Dee, Tom Hanks, Ossie Davis and Angela Bassett were just a few of the people that topped her list of drama talents.

She then praised the talented efforts of the entire staff of both the Negro Ensemble Company and the American Negro Theater.

Domingue defined her step into drama as a spiritual move. "I was called to do it," she stated.

Throughout her life, the arts surrounded Domingue but she never found herself to be completely enthralled with any one aspect until she discovered drama. Once she found the art of theatrics, she felt she knew she had discovered her life's work.

Domingue explained her spiritual connection with acting by stating, "Acting helps you learn about yourself. The more you learn about yourself, the more you learn about humanity."

She continued, "Each time I act I learn something new about humanity, thus, learning about the works of God."

In addition to its spiritual connection, Domingue described the versatility of the profession. "Acting allows you to be whomever you want: a doctor, lawyer, etc. and still maintain the status of that character."

"An actor also has to be in touch with the personality of the subject. Actors have to do what psychologists are taught in eight years. We have to dissect the mind of the person and completely understand them."

Upon graduation, Domingue planned to move to Chicago or Washington, D.C.

"I may never live in New York, just work there. As long as I can make a living acting, then I'm doing fine. I don't have to have an Oscar to work on Broadway because I'm still doing something that I love."

School of

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Dentistry

The School of Dentistry admitted its first dental class in September 1957. Four years later, 23 individuals received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In 1961, the School introduced a four-year program in dental hygiene.

Also in 1961, The School of Dentistry's Continuing Education Program offered its first course.

An abundance of additional programs and professional resources were added over the remainder of the century. These included implementing the faculty intramural practice plan and building the relationship with The Family Practice Dental Center. The Center began operation as part of the School of Dentistry and the Department of Family Practice of West Virginia University Medical Center in 1975.

The School also supported facilities at the Charleston Division of the Health Sciences Center and the CAMC Ambulatory Care Center.

Both the dental and dental hygiene curricula have been revised and updated over the years to keep abreast of current information and techniques. In 1992, a state-of-the-art dental instrument sterilization system was put into effect along with infection control guidelines mandated by the American Dental Association.

The Dental Lab

Dental Hygiene

Dentistry

Endodontics
Orthodontics
Prosthodontics

After obtaining bachelor degrees in biology and then completing their fourth year of studies, Warren Surface, Jeff Minchau, and Matt Comiskey have studied to the teeth. Literally.

As fourth-year students in dentistry, these three men were brought together by their common study and became the best of friends. Warren, Jeff, and Matt met during their first year in dentistry school, and they immediately clicked and have since lived together for the past three years. The guys have totally dedicated themselves to their study, one semester each of them completed 27 hours, while another semester they studied for 14 finals!

Since entering dentistry school, their days have been a regimen of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. classes and labs, with an hour for lunch. Warren stated, "The first two years of book work were the most difficult."

Matt added, "Yeah, and the last two years of school were mainly clinical work with patients, and we had about 40 patients each."

Outside of dental school, the three participated in the "Rural Rotation" of West Virginia. Jeff explained, "The Rural Rotations were groups of students in the various health fields who traveled to areas of West Virginia for six-week periods. The students came from different schools in West Virginia, and each worked with a practitioner in his/her respective field."

Some of their time went to working after hours in the dental lab, and even though their academics seemed exhausting, the three roommates found the time to relax and have fun. "We played racquetball," Jeff said, "and we loved going out to golf, and sometimes we'd throw a party or something."

As for their futures, each had a promising and productive plan for life after graduation. Warren hoped to pursue an Advanced Education in General Dentistry in his hometown of Charleston, West Virginia, while Jeff planned to go into private practice in his hometown of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Matt wanted to begin a yearlong, hospital-based residency in the United States Navy.

Regardless of where their futures land them, Warren, Jeff, and Matt will undoubtedly stay in touch with each other, for one thing is for sure these three students really got to know each other's teeth throughout dentistry school!

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Trio says - "Brush and Floss Daily"

Freshmen academics fears

"Orientation was a stepping stone in my life at WVU." - Steve Bonasso

copy by Julie Hatcher

Almost every student remembers one of their first college experiences - Freshmen Orientation. It is often intimidating and sometimes even horrifying, however, all new students must participate in this summer event.

One freshman remembers, "I was already nervous as it was. I started to look around and notice the people in the room looked older than me. I sat there and the next thing I knew, my neighbor's mom walked in. That's when it hit me I was in the room where the parents were supposed to be."

Orientation was a chance for freshmen and transfer students to join the University tradition. It helped students prepare for life on campus. Steve Bonasso, a business major recalled, "Orientation was a stepping stone in my life at WVU."

Summer Orientation was held July 6-23. Students who were unable to attend the July sessions were permitted to attend the Fall orientation held August 18 and 19.

During the day and a half session, freshmen met with faculty and other staff members as well as other new students. In addition, they learned about Student Services and various opportunities to make the most out of their University experience. Public relations major Lisa Dobbs said, "Orientation helped familiarize me with the campus."

Students scheduled their fall semester classes with Advisors. Geology major Hannah McCoy said, "Orientation was pointless except for scheduling classes. But I enjoyed interacting with other students."

Orientation proved to be a unique experience. All agreed that it helped prepare them as they began their careers as students.

College of

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Engineering and Mineral Resources

The College of Engineering and Mineral Resources and its statewide Engineering and Computer Science Education Enterprise were national and world engineering and computer science players.

The College was well known for its outstanding senior design projects that were supported by industry. These projects involved all engineering and computer science areas with a focus on automobiles, advanced materials for civil infrastructure and information technology.

Other areas that gained national and international reputations included energy, mining, alternative fuels, engine emissions, software development, environmental studies and image processing.

The Engineering and Computer Science Education Enterprise was the result of merging two universities: West Virginia University and West Virginia Institute of Technology. The result was a virtual and united engineering and computer science educational enterprise that served the state, region and nation. The new Enterprise grew by about one-third, opening distance learning opportunities for nontraditional students and graduate courses.

The College broke new ground and led the change required to meet world standards for teaching, research and service.

Principles & Problems

Aerospace Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Forensics Identification
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Mining Engineering
Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering

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Dan Moyers

Above the roar of bustling people in the Mountainlair, Danny Moyers modestly explained what first got him interested in engineering. "I always liked Legos and Constructs when I was a kid. I guess I've always liked to be creative and design things," he said.

Moyers, a junior mechanical and aerospace engineering major, set his goals and worked hard to reach them. However, it seemed Moyers was moving at a faster pace than the average student. He carried 21 credit hours per semester, a typical workload for him.

Moyers was also in the Honors Program and a member of many honoraries. "I guess I don't really have much of a social life. I study on weekends. But I came to college to study. I'll party when I get out," he explained.

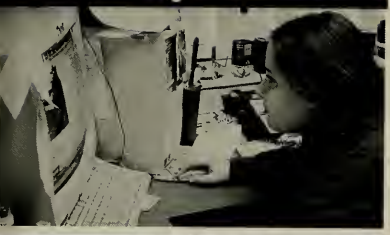
Moyers realized not everyone had the opportunity to attend college. "I knew what I was going to do when I got here and I don't want to waste it. I was given a chance and I want to use it."

The 21-year-old hoped to work in a more hands-on job after graduation. "I'd like to build things like amusement park roller coasters or maybe if Spielberg ever makes Jurassic Park II it would be cool to build the dinosaurs," he laughed.

Moyers attributed his knowledge to his teachers and professors. "The teachers and professors are incredible. Almost all of them are nationally recognized," he said. "Dr. Kuhlman would do anything for a student. He's not here just to teach and get his paycheck. You can call him at home or stop by his office on his lunch hour and he'll drop everything to help you."

Although Moyers took on much more than an average college student was expected, he hoped his hard work would pay off at his summer internship which was at NASA in Virginia Beach.

Daily Fix



"And sometimes the news staff does see more of the office than they see of their homes."

– Karri Smith

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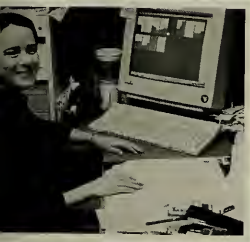

Through long hours of hard work and dedication, the news staff of The Daily Athenaeum (the DA) provided University students with more than 5,500 copies each day. And, the staff even managed to have a little fun in the process.

After spending approximately nine hours per day in the newsroom five days per week, the DA office became more than just a work place to some of the 50 students who comprised the news staff.

"Throughout the year everyone becomes close friends, and the office becomes a place where you feel right at home. And, sometimes the news staff does see more of the office than they see of their homes," said Karri Smith, staff writer.

When members of the news staff were not at their office computers or out on campus learning the current scoop, they were found adventuring on late night Shoetz runs, at Friday night parties, tailgating at Mountaineer games, fighting over who was the better NFL football team or dining at the Boston Beanery to discover the latest gossip.

While the news staff was forming new friendships and sharing traditions with new staffers, they were also gaining an understanding of the newspaper process.

"I think that the experience I'm getting by having the chance to be the managing editor is not only teaching me the kinds of skills I'll need as a successful journalist, but the kinds of things I'll need for life as well. I have a wonderful staff and there is nothing more rewarding to me then the look on a reporter's face when they know they've gotten the story or they know what they did was really awesome," said Jacque Bland.

College of

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Human Resources and Education

Allen Hall

Speech Pathology & Audiology
Elementary Education
Secondary Education

Divided into four academic departments: advanced educational studies; counseling, rehabilitation counseling and counseling psychology; educational theory and practice; and speech pathology and audiology, The College of Human Resources and Education was devoted to excellence.

With programs dedicated to teacher preparation and the study and development of human talent and resources in the school, family and community, its objective was to provide sound professional preparation through the majors it offered.

The teacher education programs integrated liberal studies, course work in pedagogy and the content area and a three-year sequence of clinical experiences in a public school. These programs provided the initial, advanced and continued preparation of capable, knowledgeable professionals who taught, supervised, evaluated, provided special services, counseled and administered educational programs.

In the human resources programs of the College, students prepared for roles in enabling individuals and groups to move from dependence to independence in learning living, and working. The emphasis was on enhancement of the emotional, intellectual and physical aspects of people across all stages of the life span and in a variety of settings.

Everyone reminisces about returning to elementary school where the hardest assignment was to color within the lines. College students often missed those days when magic was real and anything was possible. However, many students chose to return to area elementary schools, only this time they were the teachers.

Junior Gina Leffe, a first year education major, tutored at Rivesville Elementary school in Rivesville, West Virginia. She tutored third grade children for two hours a week. "I get a group and I work one on one with the kids. We usually work on worksheets or we read," Leffe said. "They even call me Ms. Leffe. "I love working there. It's so much fun," she explained. "The only bad thing is that it's so far away."

Students did not get to choose the school in which they taught. Administrators within the education department assigned each student to a particular school depending upon their specific major. For instance, secondary education majors were assigned to schools such as University High School while elementary education majors were assigned to area elementary schools, including Mountainview and Cheat Lake.

The tutoring coincided with the Education 111 class that all education majors were required to take. As students progressed in the education program they worked their way up to student teaching. Second year education majors worked five hours a week as an active participant in the classroom and by their third year were required to spend a semester student teaching at their assigned school.

Senior Jessica Golsky, while in her third year in the education program served as a student teacher at East Dale Elementary School in Fairmont. Golsky taught fourth graders a specific lesson two days a week. She said, "They're [the children] very respectful, they love having someone in the room that teaches them along with their teacher."

The education program has underwent some changes in recent years. The curriculum was altered so that rather than completing a four year program, students were required to obtain their master's degree in education, extending the program to five years. Glosky cited the student teaching program as the most valuable part of her education. "I enjoy getting the experience, not only with the students but learning how to manage a class prior to graduating."

Junior John Blosnic, a secondary education major said, "It's [the program] structured to give us a lot of experience by the time we graduate. We'll have a lot of experience from teaching and our professional development schools."

After a long day of cameras, microphones and glaring lights, a University journalism professor Dr. Christine Martin sat at her large wooden desk lined with awards on the telephone doing an interview with a radio station. No, she hadn't signed a contract with Hollywood—she had been named journalism teacher of the year by the Freedom Forum.

Before the start of the fall semester, Martin assumed the position of interim dean of the Perley Isaac Reed School of Journalism. Martin was also one of three individuals to receive the 1999 Freedom Forum Journalism Teacher of the year award. "It is a teaching award to celebrate teaching, and that is certainly a celebration," Martin said. Martin felt that often times teaching was placed on the back burner. "They (Freedom Forum) feel, and this is the truth, teachers are only rewarded for their research, and not for their actual teaching," Martin explained. "Often times teaching comes in second place to research, and that just should not be the case."

Representatives from Freedom Forum came to WVU to observe Martin's teaching skills and to learn what her many jobs as dean and a professor entailed. With three cameras, one only inches away from her face, Martin energetically informed and gave students advice on how to write a successful profile story as a guest lecturer to a journalism class. "The key to doing a story and doing it well, is a focus," Martin said as she waved her hands. Martin explained to students that the focus of a story is something you have to live by, and it is the single most important item to a story.

The Freedom Forum had a special interest in Martin's past research focus. "I have been very interested and researching the Vietnam War since 1986," Martin said. Martin was also recognized for her Vietnam War research by the Judith Gold Stitzel Endowment for excellence in Women's Studies Teaching and Learning. Martin and associate Journalism professor Maryanne Reed both received a Stitzel grant to complete several media products. "Myself and professor Maryanne Reed will be hosting a panel of six woman correspondents from the Vietnam War sometime in April," Martin said.

With the constant attention and a busy schedule, Dr. Christine Martin lived the lifestyle of a star – even if she didn't sign a Hollywood contract.

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Dr. Christine Martin – award winning

Perley Isaac Reed

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School of Journalism

From administrators, to professors, to the 450 undergraduate and graduate students housed in Martin Hall, the mission of the Perley Isaac Reed School of Journalism was to "be in the neighborhood". And, that neighborhood stretched beyond the classroom, newsroom and town. A unique curriculum focused on community-outreach and service-learning. Academic/professional partnerships, such as the links with KDKA and the NASA Classroom of the Future Program helped students understand that mass communications was more than a message-- it was a dialogue.

The News Editorial Sequence allowed engagement in that dialogue by preparing students for jobs on newspapers, magazines and on-line publications. While the Broadcast News Sequence gave students hands-on training in broadcast reporting, writing and producing. Both the Public Relations and Advertising Sequences created community partnerships by offering students hands-on experience in developing publicity and campaigns for real clients.

The faculty was actively involved in professional and news communities. Professors regularly visited area newsrooms, offering seminars in television and print news writing, reporting, advertising and layout/design. Professors also pioneered several community and on-line and information projects-- including a "human website" community journalism project, supported by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation.

Martin Hall

Advertising
Broadcast News
Journalism Education
News-Editorial
Public Relations

Face to academics face

Students discover a real life application for their newly learned skills

through field experience as well as exposure to academia.

College of Law

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Graduates of the College of Law benefitted from a curriculum that was broad and provided a substantial foundation. The program focused on building skills, committing to service and plying lawyerly tools.

The faculty members were classroom teachers and scholars of national and international renown who valued daily interactions with students.

Legal Research and Writing, a yearlong course taken by all first-year law students, required students to write client letters, memoranda, motions and a trial brief, as well as deliver an oral argument.

Incorporated into the spring curriculum was a one-week course, Skills Week, that was unique in American legal education. Regularly scheduled classes were suspended while all faculty and students concentrated on interviewing, counseling, drafting and negotiating.

Each semester, students were encouraged to donate up to 25 hours of their time at the Appalachian Center for Law and Public Service. Providing legal services to needy West Virginians, approximately 100 students volunteered in the Center's programs yearly. The College also supported the Public Interest Advocates who raised funds for students wishing to work in low-paying public interest jobs and the West Virginia Law Institute which under took significant law reform for the state.

Developing the Skills

Law

School of

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Medicine

University Health Sciences

Medical Technology

Exercise Physiology
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy

The School of Medicine focused on producing a physician who could correctly diagnose medical problems, who could act on such diagnoses with care, compassion and understanding. This included maintaining the patient's best interest in a moral and ethical fashion.

Becoming a physician required the earnest desire from students to learn and to think creatively because medicine was not the mere recitation of facts, but the application of vast amounts of information to solve complex problems. It was the goal of the faculty to help students become physicians capable of practicing in any realm of medicine whether primary care, specialty practice or academic medicine.

Students were given the opportunity to become involved in patient care early in the learning experience providing them the chance to see continuity of patient care. To achieve this, the curriculum was set in the community and in ambulatory care settings, as well as in the inpatient tertiary care setting.

The mission of the School was to improve the health of West Virginians through educating health professionals. The medical student had considerable responsibilities and continued to learn throughout their professional career.

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David Workman

David Joel Workman was just like every other student, or was he? Workman probably did more in just one day than a lot of students did in an entire semester.

This multi-talented junior was an exercise physiology and business major. Workman pledged Phi Sigma Kappa during his freshman year. He said, "Pledging opened a lot of doors for me."

Workman was also a member of the Board of Governors. He was a cofounder, along with Jeremy Knapp, of the new Polar Bear Club which raised money for various philanthropies. In addition, he was a Resident Assistant at Dadisman Hall, where he taught Freshmen Orientation. Finally, he was the Chair Person of Student Services and Facilities Committee.

To cope with all of these responsibilities David relied on his sense of humor. He used this humor to shield others from realizing how much he took on. This enabled him to keep his personal life and his other responsibilities separated. Workman said, with a smile, "The only way to keep my day straight is two words: daily planner."

Working with freshmen has opened his mind to many things. He has even had to save one resident's life. Workman walked into the bathroom on his floor in Dadisman Hall, and found one of his residents drowning in a toilet. The young resident had drank too much. Workman saw the resident, cleaned out his air passage and called the ambulance. The doctors later told him that if he had not found the resident when he did, the resident would have died from severe alcohol poisoning.

College life has not changed Workman's religious beliefs. He grew up in a strong Christian house, which has enabled him to build a strong character. He considers religion one of the most important parts of his personality.

David Workman was a well-rounded, approachable, and carefree member of the student body. He intended to go on either to medical or law school. When describing his plans for the future David said, "I'll go until the door shuts in my face."

Musical academics pride

"My first game was Ohio State I was so in awe of everything that I couldn't even play." - Adam Cantley

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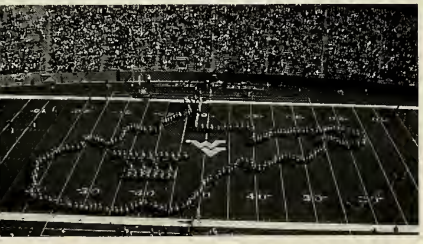

Practicing ten hours per day in the sweltering August heat and striving for perfection were just some of the sacrifices members of the "Pride of West Virginia," the Mountaineer Marching Band were willing to experience in order to delight fans statewide.

If you were a football fan, or even attended just one game, you experienced the pregame show tradition, highlighted with signature songs such as "Mountain Dew" and "Country Roads."

"Pregame is always the best. The simple gifts circle when we turn around to expand and see everyone (the audience) on their feet cheering is really cool," said senior trumpet player D. J. Stuart.

Members of the band got an early start on the semester. "Band practice in the summer starts one week before classes do," said senior trumpet player Matt Mills.

"Summer band practice is long and tiring." "It takes a lot of hard work and dedication. There is no rest because as soon as summer practice is over school starts. But it is worth it 100 percent," Stuart added.

All of the hard work paid off during football season because the home games were definitely the most exciting time for band members. Stuart commented, "There is nothing like the feeling of running out of the tunnel to a stadium full of fans." Junior saxophonist Adam Cantley said that the first time he came out of the tunnel he was amazed. "My first game was Ohio State. I was so in awe of everything that I couldn't even play," he explained. "The adrenaline rush is so great. You have no idea what is going on. I even missed the first step off."

So the next time you attend a home football game, watch the band. Clap a little louder than usual and cheer for them with a little more enthusiasm. They worked hard, they deserve it!

School of

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Nursing

Serving as a center for nursing education, research and practice was the mission of the School of Nursing. The goals of the School, which flowed from the missions of the School, the Health Sciences Center and the University, guided the development of the nursing programs.

Taught in an academic setting in which students were educated to practice in a rapidly changing society, the basic B.S.N. program could be completed in four years in Morgantown or at the Institute of Technology in Montgomery, WV. This undergraduate education in nursing produced individuals capable of beginning professional nursing practice, and provided a foundation for graduate education in nursing.

Class course requirements were flexible, accommodating registered nurses who were full-time workers and part-time students. As a part of the University system's commitment to the West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships program and health care for all West Virginians, all health sciences students in state supported schools were required to complete a rural rotation of at least three months.

The School's faculty and students shared the responsibility for creating an atmosphere that fostered the development of systematic inquiry, critical thinking, caring relationships and commitment to continued learning.

A Caring Presence

Nursing

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Candace Cowger

Countless students change majors throughout their first few years of college. However, there exist a select few who know what they want to become from the time they are just small children.

Candace Cowger, a junior nursing major, knew she wanted to help people ever since she could remember.

"I've always wanted to work in a hospital. I enjoy helping people, she said."

Yet, Cowger did not plan on being a nurse forever. "I want to be a doctor but I wanted to start with something like this (nursing) to see if I really liked working in a hospital," she said. "I like the excitement of the job. It's great knowing why someone is sick and how to make them better."

Still, Cowger intended to focus on getting through nursing school before she decided where to obtain her medical school prerequisite courses.

Cowger attended class every day until around three or four pm. However, the classes Cowger attended were not in a typical classroom setting. The nursing students were encouraged to use their knowledge in the hospital setting with real patients. "Some days we had to work on the floor of the hospital. We were assigned patients and had to take down their information."

Nevertheless, certified nurses accompanied the nursing students as they cared for their patients in case a situation arose that the students were not qualified to handle.

Cowger even had to deal with the loss of a patient. "After it happened I tried to give myself a reality check. I had to realize that things like this do happen but I have to continue on and do my job," she stated.

Liquid life

Giving twenty minutes to save lives

students donate at many

Red Cross Blood Drives on campus.

School of

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Pharmacy

Practicing the Profession

Pharmacy
Pharmaceutical Sciences

The School of Pharmacy afforded students the opportunity to major in pharmacy for over 80 years.

The School's mission was to educate students and practitioners to function at the highest level of contemporary pharmacy practice. This mission was secured in the knowledge that pharmacists helped achieve measurable outcomes in the improvement of a patient's quality of life. Accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education, programs allowed students to conduct research that advanced scientific knowledge, and to deliver the professional services that were inherent in pharmaceutical care.

Beginning in the fall of 1998, the School offered an Entry Level Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum as the only entry-level, full-time professional pharmacy program. In January 1999, the School introduced a nontraditional Pharm. D. option for those who wished to earn their degree part-time.

The curriculum emphasized a strong science background including an understanding of the chemistry and pharmacology of drugs, dosage forms, pharmacokinetics, pathophysiology, therapeutics and the behavioral and administrative aspects of practice and the health-care system. Course work also emphasized written and oral communication skills, case studies, problem-based learning, computer literacy and the importance of lifelong learning.

It takes two?

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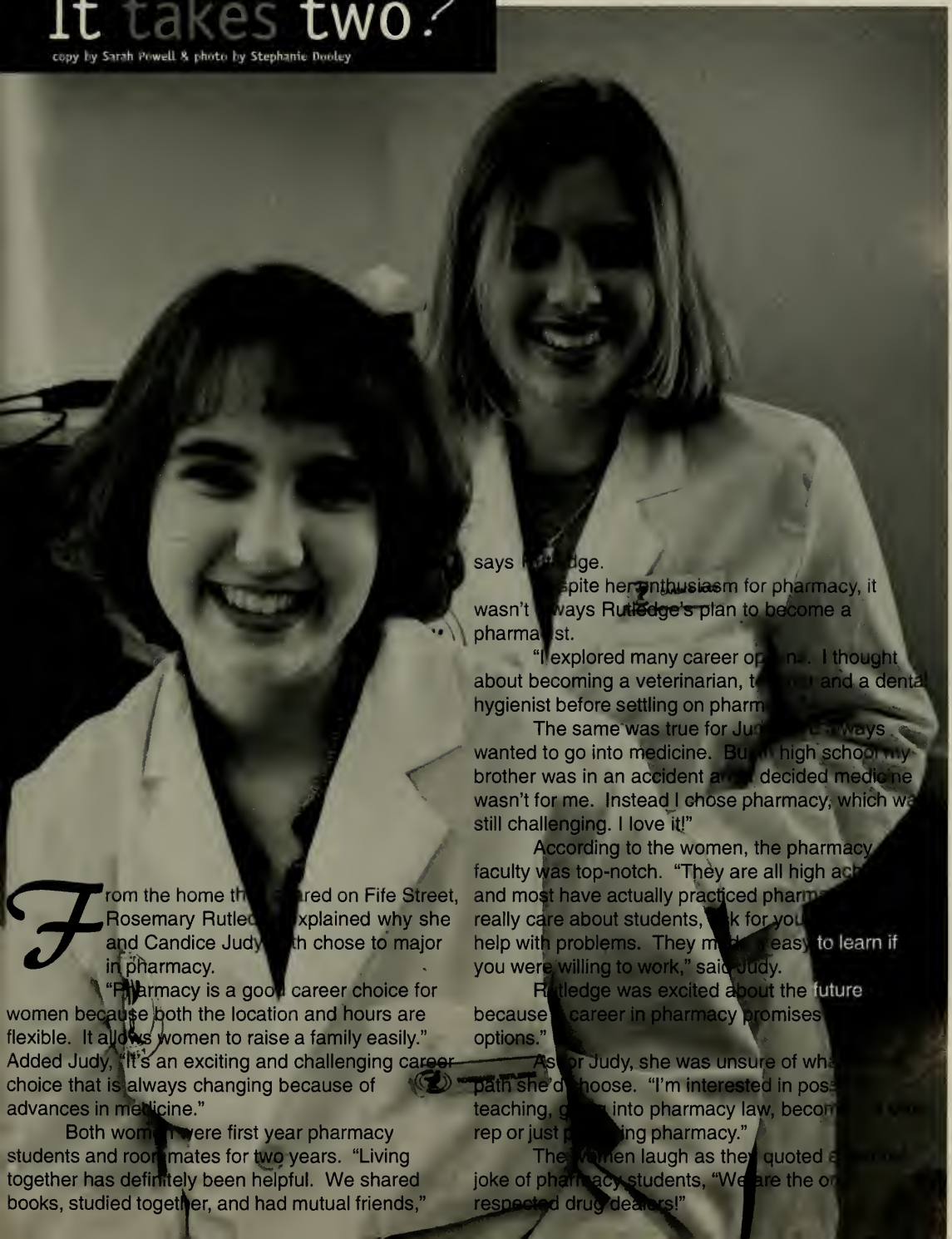

From the home th[illegible]ared on Fife Street, Rosemary Rutled[illegible]xplained why she and Candice Judy[illegible]th chose to major in pharmacy.

"Pharmacy is a good career choice for women because both the location and hours are flexible. It allows women to raise a family easily." Added Judy, "It's an exciting and challenging career choice that is always changing because of advances in medicine."

Both women were first year pharmacy students and roommates for two years. "Living together has definitely been helpful. We shared books, studied together, and had mutual friends," says R[illegible]dge.

[illegible]spite her enthusiasm for pharmacy, it wasn't [illegible]ways Rutledge's plan to become a pharmacist.

"I explored many career op[illegible]n[illegible]. I thought about becoming a veterinarian, t[illegible] and a dental hygienist before settling on pharm[illegible]

The same was true for Ju[illegible]s always wanted to go into medicine. Bu[illegible] high schoo[illegible] my brother was in an accident a[illegible] decided medicine wasn't for me. Instead I chose pharmacy, which wa[illegible] still challenging. I love it!"

According to the women, the pharmacy faculty was top-notch. "They are all high ach[illegible] and most have actually practiced pharm[illegible] really care about students, [illegible]k for you[illegible] help with problems. They m[illegible] easy to learn if you were willing to work," said Judy.

Rutledge was excited about the future because [illegible] career in pharmacy promises [illegible] options."

As for Judy, she was unsure of wha[illegible] path she'd choose. "I'm interested in pos[illegible] teaching, g[illegible] into pharmacy law, becom[illegible] rep or just p[illegible]ing pharmacy."

The women laugh as they quoted a [illegible] joke of pharmacy students, "We are the o[illegible] respected drug dealers!"

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Lucy Ours

Many students do not put much thought into how they start their day. Most roll out of bed, throw on some clothes and begin their walk was the first of many classes. However, Lucy Ours, was one student who did not follow this morning routine.

As Miss West Virginia 1999, Ours traveled to schools across the state to speak to students about her platform, Helping Others Mentor Effectively (HOME). "My platform taught students to act responsibly and to realize they are always influencing someone," she said. In addition, she was also a representative for the American Red Cross and a special guest in many parades.

A normal day for Ours usually consisted of girls and boys fighting for a chance to touch her crown or giving autographs. "The elementary kids even asked me to autograph their arms," she said.

Ours, a senior journalism major from Petersburg, W.V., also helped out during the Mountaineer Week festivities. She was a judge in the Beard Growing Contest in which she had to check the contestants faces to see if they were smooth.

In between all her service activities, Ours traveled to Atlantic City to represent the state in the 1999 Miss America Pageant. "The opportunity to represent West Virginia was very rewarding, but it was overwhelming meeting 50 new girls," she said.

She took the fall semester off because she had to spend two weeks with girls preparing for the pageant. "It's a hard job," she said. "People don't realize how much work it is." Ours gave her crown away during the Miss West Virginia 2000 Pageant.

School of

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Physical Education

The mission of the School of Physical Education was to provide quality instruction, research, scholarship and service to the state and profession.

In 1993, the School was reorganized into the following academic programs: Athletic Training, Athletic Coaching Education, Physical Education/Teacher Education, Sport Behavior and Sport Management. In the fall of 1996 the Athletic Coaching program was added.

This academic unit held the intellectual and personal growth of the individual as its central purpose. Academic programs of the School, as well as the faculty, have achieved state, district and national recognition. The Doctor of Education degree with a concentration in physical education was the only such program in the state.

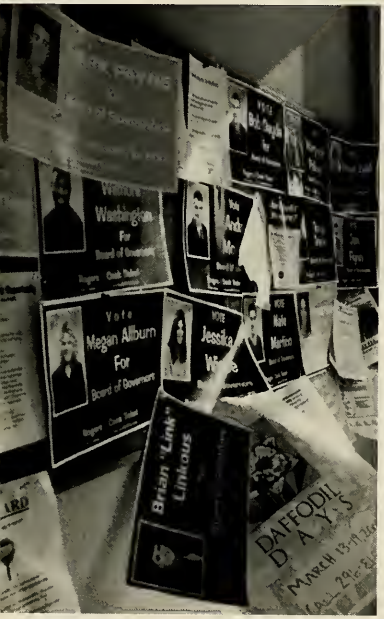
The School was dedicated to offering academic and professional programs related to sport and human movement activities. These programs were characterized by curricular experiences which were designed to broaden perspectives, enrich awareness, deepen understanding, establish disciplined habits of thought, prepare for meaningful careers, thus helping individuals become informed, responsive and productive citizens.

The Coliseum

Athletic Training
Athletic Coaching Education
Physical Education/Teacher Education
Sport Management
Sport Behavior

Campaign posters dominate most campus bulletin boards during the weeks prior to elections. All posters must follow a standard format. The two tickets consisted of Rogers and Cook and Workman and Walker.

Who says running a campaign has to be all work and no play? Erin Kratsas and David Workman along with other candidates stood for hours outside the 'Lair, playing music, passing out candy, and encouraging students to vote for them.



Katie Rogers tries to persuade a fellow student to vote for her. Rogers talked to students outside of the Lair about her platform, while passing out cards with her name on them. One of many Rogers' concerns was the parking situation.

Attending various meetings on campus, BOG members Doug Skaff, student administration president, and Seft Hunter, student administration executive officer promoted quality representation of students.

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Providing a Voice

Have you ever been frustrated by an occurrence or policy on campus? Ever felt the need to become better acquainted with its varied people and options? Student-staffed organizations exist to address both these problems.

The Board of Governors (BOG) is a group of 15 students elected by the student body who bring student issues to University officials. Candidates must obtain at least 2.5 percent of the students' signatures and have a platform of issues they want to tackle during the year. Platforms included student seating at sporting events, asbestos in the Coliseum, and the quality of off-campus housing. Once the Council discussed each issue, they presented the students' view to University officials.

Nick Martino, a current BOG member, said, "We have a tremendous amount of great ideas this year. I feel that we will accomplish a lot as a group and maybe start being noticed a little more."

Senior BOG member Wilmore Washington has been working to extend the length of time students are allowed to drop a class before receiving a "W" on their permanent record. He said, "The BOG as a group has really helped in trying to get my issue passed. The administration has also been very helpful in trying to improve the problems of this policy."

Senior BOG member Josh Henline stated, "We really got a good start by holding student forums where students could voice their opinions. Along with the help of this forum, I feel that this year's BOG is bridging the gap between administration and student organizations."

Another organization that gives students support is Mountaineer Council. The Council acts as a student recruiting body for the University and as student support for the Alumni Association. The 15-year-old Council is comprised of 45 to 65 students, some of whom travel around the area, along with nonstudent recruiters, to share their perspectives with prospective students.

Senior Kim Brabson, a member of the Council, stated, "It's really good for the prospective students because they get to hear about WVU from a student's point of view. We give them answers to questions that the administration can't give."

The Council was also active in the community. They participated in Adopt-A-Street, donated to the Ronald McDonald House, held biannual food drives, and ran a Pen Pal Program between Council members and WV school children.

In order to become a member of Mountaineer Council, a student must apply and go through the interview process. Applicants are eventually selected by a committee of Council members.

2000 are you ready?

Greek Life

Membership, Scholarship, Friendship

design by Heather Beissell

Rush propelled members of the Greek system into a new semester. Fraternities and sororities eagerly recruited pledges into their homes and hearts. "Bigs" and "Littles" were chosen as the bonds of sisterhood and brotherhood grew stonger. Socials, date parties and formals provided entertainment while philanthrophic and scholarly endeavors occupied many days. Initiation afforded members the opportunity to wear their letters with pride.

Tallying pop-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, Greeks contribute to patients receiving dialysis. For every pop-tab, a patient received one free minute of dialysis.

Country Karaoke Night, held in the Gluck Theater, was an annual sing along and performance by the sororities and fraternities.

In the Mountainlair Ballroom, Greeks gather cans of food for the needy.

Fraternities and sororities team up for tug-of-war during the Greek Games, an exciting part of Mountaineer Week.

team work

Placing another sheet of tissue paper in the chicken wire, Erika Jacobs and Tanneka Jones help construct the Homecoming float.

info booth

Working their booth in the Mountainlair, AKA sisters Tanneka Jones and Simone Piar present information about their sorority

play time

AKA sisters meet with the Alphas for a game of bowling.

sweet rewards

Proudly displaying their certificates are AKA's newest initiates.

Name: Alpha Kappa Alpha

Chapter Name: Eta Omicron

Established at WVU: 1973

President: Aleta J. Aponte

Members: 8

Colors: Salmon Pink & Apple Green

Mascot: Bunny

Name: Alpha Omicron Pi, Sigma Alpha Chapter

Established at WVU: 1986

President: Heather MacDonald

Members: 84

Colors: Cardinal Red

Mascot: Panda Bear

National Philanthropy: Arthritis Research

Awards: *Best Recruitment COB*

meet *Minnie*

National involvement was a focus of membership. Getting to know other ΑΟΠ chapter presidents, President Chris Drywai attends the National Convention in Orlando, FL.

say *cheese*

Enjoying their float...Suzie Barry, Corin Bovi, Megan Revak and Michelle Filosa.

fall *formal*

At the Hotel Morgan, sisters take a group photo.

new pledges

The fall pledge class of 1999 poses for photos on the front lawn of the Alpha Phi house, located at 261 Willey Street. Seventeen new Alpha Phi pledges were accepted into the Beta Iota Chapter.

rushing smiles

In preparation for Rush, sisters are excited to meet potential members. Sororities promoted scholarship, service and friendship not only during the college years, but throughout a lifetime.

always welcome

The door of the Alpha Phi house is always open to visiting alumnae.

senior smiles

On Bid Day in the fall, Alpha Phi's senior members proudly wear their letters.

Name: Alpha Phi, Beta Iota Chapter
Established at WVU: 1930
President: Niki Fields
Members: 108
Colors: Silver & Bordel
Flowers: Lily of the Valley, Forget-Me-Nots & Ivy
Mascot: Phi Bear (Teddy Bear)
Philanthropy: Cardiac Care
Awards: *Homecoming*- First Place Song & Cheer Competition; *Mountaineer Week*- Third Place Banner Competition, Second Place PRT Cram, First Place Karaoke Contest; *Diversity Days*- First Place Banner Competition
Special Recognition: Sister Kelly Skillington was awarded one semester's tuition for her poster that exhibited the negative effects of alcohol

Chapter Name: Alpha Xi Delta

Established at WVU: 1905

President: Mary Lewis

Members: 108

Colors: Double Blue & Gold

Flower: Pink Calanry Rose

Mascot: Bear

Philanthropy: Choose Children

Awards: Betty Miller

Most Outstanding Chapter Award

girl *glam*

Stylin' before the Valentine's Day Crush Party sisters (front row) Shelly Ritchie, Lindsay Kostur, Jessica Stepkin, Molly Wehrle, (back row) Mary Lewis, Lindsay Jackfert, Beth Rice, Alley Klipa and Melissa Bruno prepare for the event. Date parties were a large part of Greek life.

fall *retreat*

Bonding at the Chapter Retreat, Alpha Xi sisters Ashley McDaniel, Katy Chapman, Megan Allburn, Jen Lish and Staci Strickler smile while enjoying a group hug.

gettin' *comfy*

With their favorite stuffed animals in hand, Kelley Bergelt, Alley Klipa and Heather Williams get comfortable at the Chapter Retreat held during the fall semester.

dazzling dress

Kim Steel, Maria Puccio, Charolette Ward, Beth Hall, Molly O'Hare, Anne Hester and Liz Fay meet outside the house before their formal. Formals meant new dresses and gowns- a welcome change from the usual college outfit of jeans and a top.

holiday fun

Ready for the semester's end, Jessica Pauling, Katie Marshall, Mindy Dolan, Margoux Palmer, Molly O'Hare, Jamie Brady and Molly Waldron enjoy the holiday party. Gatherings during finals week helped to relieve the stress of exams.

togas tonight

TOGA! Anne Hester, Beth Hall and Molly O'Hare party while wearing togas (actually just sheets).

bid day

Sisters prepare for their new pledges.

Name: Chi Omega, Theta Chapter

Established at WVU: 1905

President: Leigh Dzvonick

Members: 89

Colors: Cardinal & Straw

Mascot: Owl

National Philanthropy: Chi-O Cares

University Philanthropy: Paintball which benefits Ronald McDonald House

Awards: *Highest GPA; Homecoming* - Third Place

fall *formal*

Ali Dean and Barbara Noonan take a break from dancing at their Fall Formal.

helping *buds*

Amy Swan and Jill Taylor, sisters of Delta Gamma, work together for New Member Recruitment in the lair during the fall semester.

Name: Delta Gamma, Alpha Xi Chapter

Established at WVU: 1922

President: Frances Fattaleh

Members: 87

Colors: Pink & Blue

Mascot: Anchor & Hannah Doll

National Philanthropy: Service for Sight

University Philanthropy: Anchor Splash

pref *night*

Wearing traditional white, sisters gather at the house during New Member Recruitment for Preference Night.

sweet *home*

The ΔΓ house, established in 1922, sits at 652 Price Street beside Arnold Hall. It was home to many ΔΓs for at least one year.

lair *booth*

Sisters Shaloe Green, Kina Thornton and Charniece Bailey promote International Awareness and Involvement during the fall semester.

wet *fun*

Delta Dive, held during Delta Week in the spring, was one of the many community service events sponsored by the sisterhood.

spring *spirit*

During Delta Week, sisters party at the VFW.

dorm *move*

ΔΣΘ helps the freshmen as part of Operation Move.

Name: Delta Sigma Theta, Omicron Upsilon Chapter
Established at WVU: April 24, 1983
President: Charniece Bailey
Members: 5
Colors: Crimson and Cream
Mascot: Elephant
National Philanthropy: Habitat for Humanity
Special Recognition: Nationally, ΔΣΘ boasts the highest membership in an African American, female, Greek-letter organization
Public Motto: "Intelligence is the torch of wisdom"

fun *evening*

Getting ready for Preference Night, the KΔs gather for one last photo.

bid *day*

Showing their hospitality, sisters greet pledges on the Mountainlair green.

Name: Kappa Delta, Beta Phi Chapter
Established at WVU: 1951
President: Beth Samples
Members: 44
Colors: Olive Green & Pearl White
Mascots: Teddy Bear, Nautilus Shell & Katydid Dagger
National Philanthropy: Children's Hospital
University Philanthropy: Casa for Kids
Awards: *Philanthropy Award* and the *Red Cross Blood Drive Award*

park *picnic*

Picnicking at Chestnut Ridge Park was only one of the ways sisters Erica Jones and Erinn Liqouri spent time together.

flag *ball*

The Delta Tau Delta Flag Football Tournament hosted the Kappa Delta sisters.

toga! toga!

Ready for a night of toga partying. Sisters dress up like Greek goddesses.

Name: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Beta Upsilon Chapter

Established at WVU: 1906

President: Randena Harrison

Members: 89

Colors: Light Blue & Dark Blue

Symbols: Owl & Key

Flower: Fleur-de-lis

Philanthropies: Children's Miracle Network Rape & Domestic Violence 5K

Awards: Kappa boasts the highest GPA on campus, and was also recognized for these high grades on a national level

road trip

At Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh, PA sisters extend their sorority bond beyond the campus.

owl eyes

At the New Member Retreat, initiates from the Pledge Class of 1997 show the lighter side of sisterhood. Retreats helped solidify the group.

r and r

Sporting great tans, Kappas enjoy their vacation. A benefit of sorority membership was always having someone with which to travel.

Name: Pi Beta Phi, WV Alpha Chapter
Founded at WVU: September 21, 1918
President: Charlene Lett 1999
Cinda Bowling 2000
Members: 78
Colors: Wine & Silver Blue
Symbols: Arrow & Angel
National Philanthropies: Holt House, Arrows in the Artic, Arrowmount and
University Philanthropy: Links to Literacy
Awards: *Homecoming* - First Place; *Mountaineer Week* - Third Place; *Senior Panhellenic Delegate* - Honorable Mention; *Best Chapter History in Province* - National Honorable Mention
Special Recognition: *Homecoming Court* - Jennifer Holstine; *Mountaineer Court* - Heather Bragg

la casa

The Pi Beta Phi house resides at 1493 University Avenue. Living in the sorority house meant more than just being close to campus for the sisters.

big little

A sentimental and memorable time in pledging, Big Sis Week concluded when pledges finally discovered the identity of their Big Sis on October 21.

pins down

The sisters donated their time to sponsor "Lanes for Literacy," a bowl-a-thon to raise funds to support their University philanthropy.

bid day

At Westover Park, Pi Phis Erin Yosay, Heather Bragg, Cinda Bowling and Carrie Shinn welcome the sorority's new members.

great reward

President Erin O'Neil and Executive Vice President Jen Baxter represent Theta Chi's Chapter at the National Conference.

fall fun

Sigma Kapp sisters gather at th stadium to cheer f the Mountaineer Attending footba games togeth was a fun event.

soggy sight

Just a little wet. Alissa Regan and Sue Ballard play the Hole-In-the-Bucket during the games of Homecoming.

maroon lavender

Sisters take a break from decorating.

Name: Sigma Kappa, Theta Chi Chapter
Established at WVU: April 21,1991
President: Erin O'Neil 1999
Jenna Jurich 2000
Members: 78
Colors: Maroon & Lavender
Symbols: Heart & Dove
Flower: Violet
National Philanthropies: Alzheimer's & Gerentology Research, Inherit the Earth, Maine Seacoast Mission
University Philanthropy: Side Pocket Pub Pool Tournament
Special Recognition: Although the newest sorority on campus, Sigma Kappa celebrated its 125th anniversary on November 9

skilled *chef*

Putting her cooking skills to the test, Gabrielle St. Leger makes dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. In addition to volunteering their service at the Ronald McDonald House, Zeta Phi Beta sisters also supported Christian Help and RDVH.

double *dutch*

At Greek Games, Zeta Phi Beta members practice the skill of jumping rope with friends. The Games were a part of November's Mountaineer Week.

Name: Zeta Phi Beta, Eta Omicron Chapter
Established at WVU: April 24, 1993
President: Emmanuelle Desir
Members: 27
Colors: Royal Blue & White
Mascots: White Cat or White Dove
National Philanthropy: Stork's Nest- center for unwed mothers focusing on education and prenatal care
University Philanthropies: Ronald McDonald House, Christian Help and RDVH
Special Recognition: Only nationally recognized Afican American Sorority that is constitutionally bound to a fraternity- Phi Beta Sigma

bright *smiles*

Spending time with young patients on Halloween, Regina Combs, Gabrielle St. Leger and Emma Desir cheer up the children with a little face paint and a lot of love.

study break
One last get-together before Christmas, the 92 members of Sig Ep have their annual formal at the house.

loung around
Relaxing after the Virginia Tech football game and tailgate, brothers hang out at their house on North High Street.

chit chat
Taking a break from the guys, Micheal Bradley socializes at the winter formal.

Name: Sigma Phi Epsilon, WV Beta Chapter

Established at WVU: 1903

President: Michael Press

Members: 92

Colors: Red & Violet

Symbol: Heart

University Philanthropy: Sig Ep Olympia

Awards: *Outstanding Community Service Award; Intramural Cup* - won 17 consecutive years

winter *parties*

Cheering at a winter formal, the campus's oldest chapter spends this weekend before break differently than the typical weekend. Formals gave Greeks the chance to party in style.

Name: Phi Kappa Psi, West Virginia Alpha

Established at WVU: 1890

President: Matthew LeGrice

Members: 76

Colors: Cardinal Red & Hunter Green

Philanthropies: Queens of the Beach Volleyball Tournament which benefits Children's Hospital

Special Recognition: The oldest chapter on campus.

house *life*

Living on campus at 780 Spruce Street was an alternative option to having an apartment or living in the dorms for the brothers of Phi Psi. Greeks were required to live in their house for at least one year.

fright night

Whether as Batman or a dog, Halloween meant "stirring it up" to Heath Shilling, Jason Koposy, Brendan Devine, Matt Hamrick, Elliot Levy and Paul Davidson.

cozy home

This unique structure at 225 Belmar Avenue was the residence of the Beta Psi Chapter, which captured second place in the Best Fraternity on Campus category.

winter formal

A change of pace from the regular weekend activities, brothers gather one last time before semester break at the Winter Formal.

accept awards

Eric Miller receives congratulations from Adviser Matt Hamrick.

party time

Revive"The Pit" at a tailgate before the game against Navy.

Name: Beta Theta Pi, Beta Psi Chapter
Established at WVU: 1900
President: Brendan Devine
Members: 34
Colors: Pink & Blue
Mascot: Dragon
National Philanthropy: National Burn Awareness
University Philanthropy: Dragon Fest which benefits Bartlett House
Awards: *Virginia Tech Award* for Highest Grades in Region; *Sisson Award* for Distinguished Accomplishments: *Best Fraternity on Campus* - Second Place; *Outstanding Achievement Award*
~kai~ from the brothers in memory of Adam Shane Burford & Nathan Lee Shilling

Name: Phi Delta Theta
Founded: 1848 at Miami University, Oxford, OH
Established at WVU: 1926
President: Henry Barlow
Members: 32
Colors: Azure & Argent
Mascot: Pallas, Greek Goddess of Wisdom and her owl
University Philanthropy: Phi Delt Grand Slam
Awards: *Best Fraternity on Campus* - First Place; *Sholarship* - Second Place; *Outstanding Educational Program; Public Relations Award*

home *away*

Awarded the title of Best Chapter on Campus, the 32 brothers of Phi Delta Theta appreciated their home away from home at 209 Belmar Avenue.

our *house*

Keeping warm by the fire at the annual Phi Delt Hayride, brothers and their dates enjoy a crisp, fall evening. Social events were a large part of fraternity membership.

suited *up*

Hanging out before hitting the town, psyched Phi Delt brothers get ready for a weekend of fun.

snow *play*

At the slopes, Hank Barlow, Jason Xidias and Drew and Stephanie Winner make the most of a cold day.

meet *greet*

During the Ox Roast, Theta Chi brothers gather with alumni at the house on 112 Waverly St. Events involving alumni allowed active brothers to hear tales from the past.

new *prez*

In the spring, newly elected President B.J. Shoup receives congratulations from the brothers of Theta Chi.

raise *glass*

A time for celebrating the holidays, as well as saluting the end of the semester, the Christmas Formal meant one last toast before break.

belt *buckle*

Theta Chi brothers belt out a country tune during Mountaineer Week's Karoake Contest.

•Barbara Caraballo

Name: Theta Chi,

Alpha Kappa Chapter

Established at WVU: 1921

President: Ryan H. Shurter 1999

William J. Shoup 2000

Members: 30

Colors: Military Red & White

Symbol: Rattle Snake

University Philanthropy: National Leukemia Foundation

Awards: *Most Improved Chapter*

Name: Iota Phi Theta,
Gamma Epsilon Chapter

Established at WVU: July 30, 1997

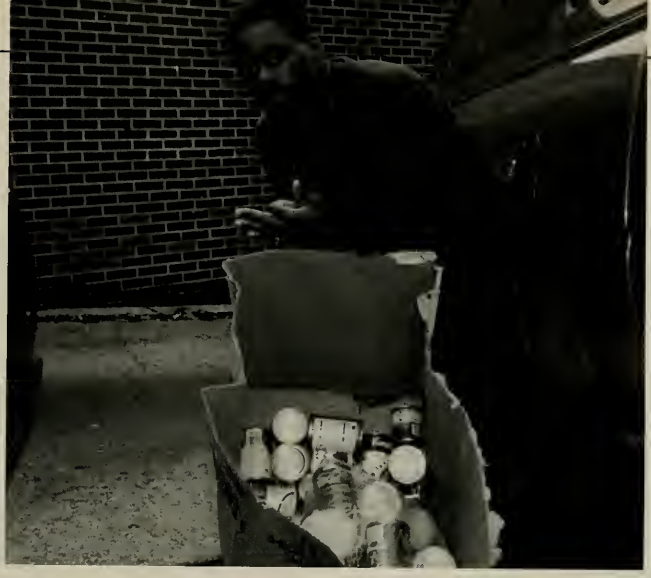
President: Peter Perou

Members: 6

Colors: Charcoal Brown &
Guilded Gold

Mascot: Centaur

Awards: Best Fraternity with
Highest GPA Regionally



helping *hand*

Helping the less fortunate, founder Joe Wilcox shows the canned goods collected for the local food drive supporting needy families.

lair *info*

Iota Phi Theta member Chris Moody and President Peter Perou man an information booth in the Mountainlair to inform other students about the brotherhood.

finding *roots*

Brothers Peter Perou, Chris Moody and Shawn Brown pose at the birthplace of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

tug-of-war

KA brothers enlist the help of Pi Beta Phi Sorority in a challenging tug-of-war contest. This was only one of several Greek Games played during Mountaineer Week.

Name: Kappa Alpha Order,

Alpha Rho Chapter

Established at WVU: March 10, 1897

President: Isaac Sponaugle

Members: 45

Colors: Crimson & Old Gold

Mascots: Knight & Southern Gentleman

University Philanthropy: Muscular Dystrophy

Awards: *Mountaineer Week*-Second Place

for fun

At their house on 670 North High Street, Kappa Alpha brothers and friends give a toast at the annual Convivium. From convivial, meaning to enjoy companionship and the pleasures of feasting and drinking. The event solidified the bonds of brotherhood.

Name: Phi Sigma Kappa,

Delta Chapter

Established at WVU: 1891

President: Preston Healy

Members: 94

Colors: Silver & Magenta

University Philanthropy: Fantasia

Awards: *Best Phi Sig Chapter*- received this honor eight times in the past 10 years

Name: Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI)

Established at WVU: 1971

President: Matthew Chill

Members: 33

Colors: Purple, White & Black

Mascot: Snowy White Owl

University Philanthropy: Phi Gam Soccer Jam

Awards: *Highest Scholarship*

pull *harder*

With the sisters of ΣΚ, Phi Sig brothers try to knock their opponents off-balance.

black *diamond*

With their sweetheart Christina Ferrari, Fiji brothers Jon Anderson Mike Postus and John Yauch enjoy the Black Diamond Formal.

sweet voices

The brothers sing "The Rose" to their sweetheart from Alpha Xi Delta.

Name: Phi Kappa Phi

Established at WVU: 1930

President: Ben Hanko

Members: 76

Colors: Gold & White

Symbol: Bell

Philanthropies: P.U.S.H. People Understanding the Severely Handicapped

Awards: *Journey Chapter* award for leadership skills and a high grade point average

Special Recognition: *Homecoming Court* - Sean Cook

summer roast

Members of Pi Kappa Phi party at their house on Spruce Street at the annual Alumni Pig Roast on September 11. Fraternities catered to their alumni members by hosting special events for them throughout the year.

dress party

Posing in a variety of halloween costumes in the house's party room, brothers get ready for the Halloween Date Party on October 31. Themed date parties required brothers to invent creative ideas for their socials.

rodeo *ridin'*

Bull riding and bull fighting were sports that brothers experienced in Ashland, KY during the summer. Craig Moffit practices his riding, while John Spiker fights.

how *much?*

The Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction, with Sigma Alpha, benefitted the Scott's Run Settlement House.

good *food*

Dining out every Monday night was one of the brotherhood's many activities. At the Texas Roadhouse, a group of members enjoy their food.

formal *flair*

A winter formal was held, to celebrate brotherhood and high academic performance.

Name: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Alpha Chapter

Established at WVU: 1924

President: Jason Knopp

Members: 38

Colors: Green & Gold

Symbol: Shield

University Philanthropy: Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction which benefits Scott's Run Settlement House

Awards: *Highest Overall Fraternity GPA*

Special Recognition: Membership limited to men majoring in agriculture & related fields

teke feud

Brothers organized a philanthropy that benefitted the Mon. Cty. Humane Society. *Front row:* A. Balian, D. Garvey, President B. Zollinger, A. Morman, J. Songster, Pledge Educator D. Feldman. *Second row:* B. Fisher, D. Miller, C. Cadarette, G. Simeral, M. Hillebrenner, R. Young, S. Kiselka, Treasurer S Cross, M. Rosendale. *Third row:* D. Machleder, M. Dennison, P. Steck, Seargent at Arms H. Horner, J. Sivinarski, B. Lude, Historian J. Simonelli, J. Edleman, Vice President J. Testman, E. Porsch, B. Rush, M. Potvin. *Back row:* J. Byers, S. Yuhas and D. Kratt.

long whiskers

In the Lair, a TEKE brother signs up for the Beard Growing Contest. *•Barb Caraballo*

Name: Tau Kappa Epsilon, Rho Chapter

President: Brian Zollinger

Members: 38

Colors: Crimson Lake Cherry & Pure Silver Gray

National Philanthropy: Special Olympics

University Philanthropy: Monongalia County Humane Society

Awards: *Most Improved Fraternity; Membership Recruitment Award*

derby *days*

A welcomed change from classes, Derby Days meant a good time for a good cause.

brothers *bond*

Josh Mason and Chris Givanelli show the best aspect of Sigma Chi-friendship.

Name: Sigma Chi,

Mu Mu Chapter

Established at WVU: 1895

President: Cain Wilder

Members: 81

Colors: Old Gold & Blue

Symbol: White Cross

Philanthropies: Derby Days;

Children's Miracle Network

Motto: In Hoc Signo Vinces

team *time*

Taking a break after a game of flag football, brothers Brian Query, Mike Pehanich, Matt Balestrene, Tom Cameron, Matt Richardson, Brent Burton, Brandon Norris and Chris Childress display their Sigma Chi pride.

school spirit

Thomas Williams, Kevin Gleason, John Kerchner and John Bolek celebrate a win. House parties were commonplace after home games.

night life

Cory Fuller, Wilmore Washington and Scott Bruce enjoy themselves before going downtown. Happy hour often occurred at home.

chapter talk

Some of the brothers of Delta Tau Delta gather after a formal meeting.

return home

Preparing for the January Rededication Ceremony, brothers gather by the house.

Name: Delta Tau Delta, Gamma Delta Chapter

Established at WVU: 1900

President: Scott Meehan

Members: 54

Colors: Royal Purple, Gold & White

University Philanthropy: Delt Bowl which benefits Scott's Run Settlement House

Special Recognition: The Delt House was rededicated in January

Name: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Phi Mu Chapter
Established at WVU: September 4, 1984
President: Robert Dixion
Members: 16
Colors: Black & Old Gold
Mascots: Sphinx & Gorilla
National Philanthropies: NAACP, National Urban League, United Negro College Fund
University Philanthropies: Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity
Awards: *Mountaineer Week*- First Place Banner Competition; *NPHC Step Show*- Champions
Special Recognition: The Alphas were the NPHC Step Show Champions in '94, '95, '97 and '98

the *start*

In celebration of Founder's Day, Cary Mott, Antoine Skinner and Dave Carter light a candle.

break *time*

Giving the Fraternity's sign, a group of Alphas pose behind the Mountainlair.

off *campus*

"And, where do these go?" Alpha Phi Alpha President Robert Dixion helps move equipment and supplies.

black *gold*

Fonder's Day honored the creation of ΑΦΑ. The local chapter was founded on September 4, 1984.

2000 are you ready?

Athletics

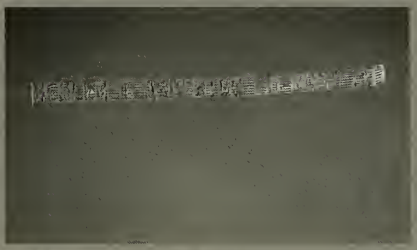
Dedication, Power, Discipline, Pride

design by Heather Beissell

Although several of the varsity athletic programs did not gain national recognition, our dedicated fans continued to support the Blue and Gold. Student athletes strived to balance course work and practice schedules. Yet, they maintained the Mountaineer tradition of excellence.

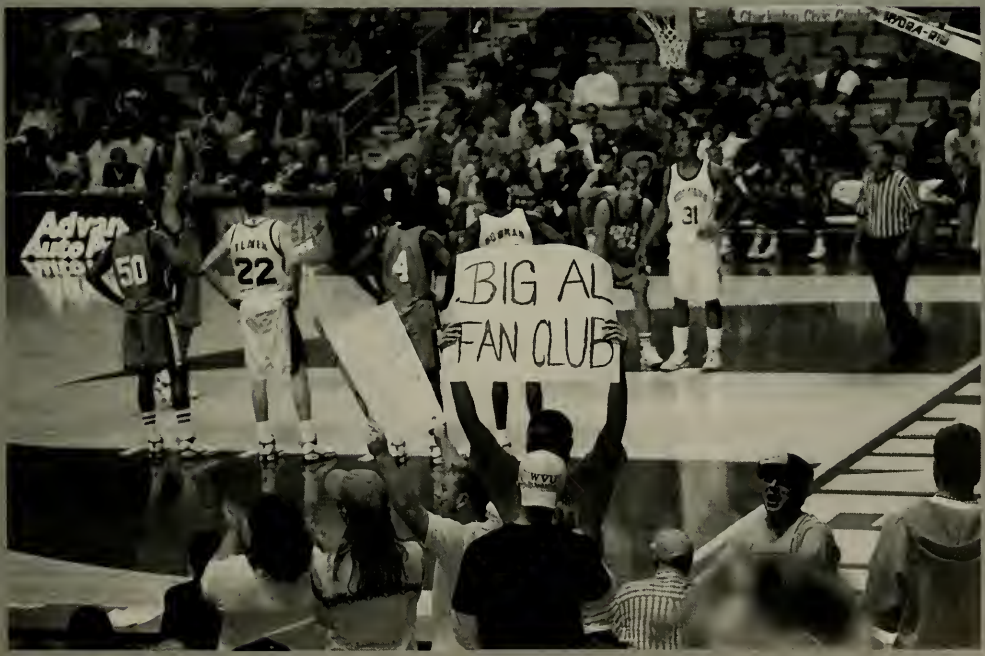
Tailgating before football games was a timeless Mountaineer tradition for students and alumni alike, although the team was 3-4 in the Big East.

Aerial expression? Even in the stadium sky, free speech was exercised.



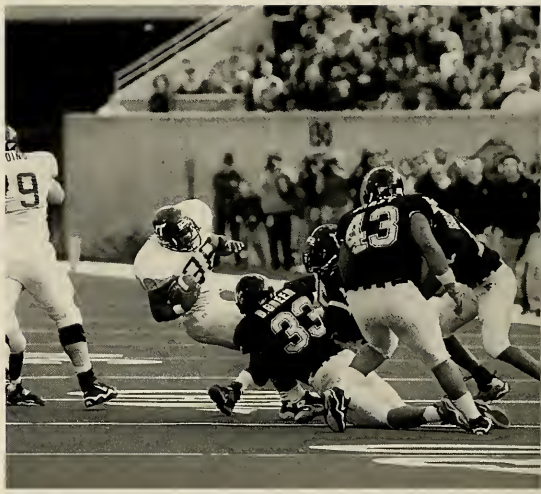
Welcome to Touchdown City! This familiar sign was displayed around Morgantown during football season.

Showing their spirit, students made creative signs to display during Big East basketball.



A Face of Wisdom.
Head Coach Don Nehlen watches another one of his successful plays unfold. Nehlen's largest blowout of the season came on Oct. 16 when the Mountaineers defeated Rutgers 62-16.

No...try again...
Barret Green diminishes Virginia Tech's hopes for gained yardage. Virginia Tech went on to lose to Florida State in the Sugar Bowl for the national title, 22-20.



Are those team shoes?
The Mountaineers force lines up hoping to gain a few yards. Though the Mountaineers lost many of their away games, they put on a good show for the crowd against Miami of Ohio in the home opener.

Smash, Bash, Thanks for the Cash...
Chris Edmonds takes Virginia Tech quarterback to the lower end of the stadium. Despite the efforts of the defense, the Mountaineers went on to lose this game.

4-7, 3-4 Big East •Sept 4 at East Carolina (L) 23-3 •Sept 11 Miami (Ohio) (W) 43-27 •Sept 18 at Maryland (L) 0-33 •September 25 at Syracuse (L) •November 6 Virginia Tech (L) 20-22 •Nov13 at Boston

Building Blocks

3-4 in the Big East

copy by Shannon Blosser

Close calls and finishes dominated the Univerity football season.

The team finished the season 4-7 overall and 3-4 in the Big East. The Mountaineers three games decided by five points or less and some decided on last minute heroics.

The football team started the season with a 33-23 loss to East Carolina, in Charlotte, NC. In the game senior quarterback Marc Bulger went down hard in the game paving the way for backup Brad Lewis to get some playing time throughout the season.

The Mountaineers then went on to defeat Miami of Ohio, 43-27, in the home opener. From there, West Virginia lost three straight including a 31-28 loss to Navy and then undefeated Maryland.

The biggest win of the season, points wise, came on Oct. 16 when the Mountaineers defeated Rutgers 62-16, during homecoming festivities at Mountaineer Field. West Virginia followed that win up with a 20-17 win over

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Let's get this together... The Mountaineer offense huddles together during a time out to call the next play.

The offense lead the team to finish the season 4-7 overall and 3-4 in the Big East.

7-30 •October 2 Navy (L) 28-31 •Oct 16 Rutgers (W) 62-16 •October 23 Temple (W) 20-17 •October 30 at Miami (L) 20-28 College (L) 17-34 •Nov 27 Pittsburgh (W) 52-21

Lots of Support

football team was 4-2 at Home

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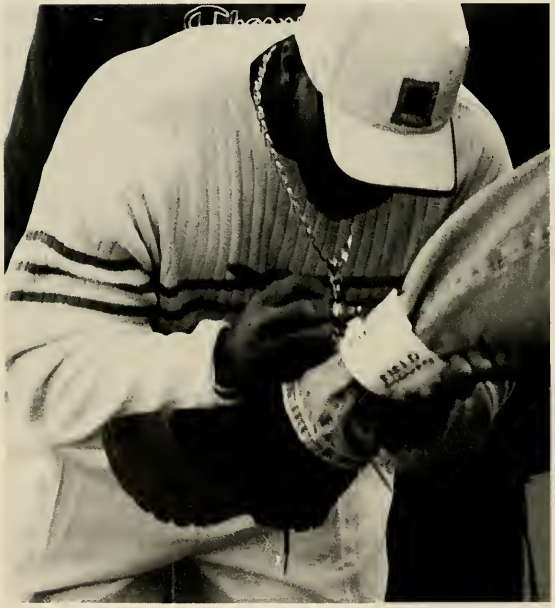
(*continued from 114*) Miami (Fla.) with a 3-4 record and an outside shot of making the bowl season. The Mountaineers dominated the first half, but fell flat in the second and lost to the Hurricanes, 28-20 to end all hopes of making the post-season.

That loss was followed up by another to Virginia Tech, who then went on to lose to Florida State in the Sugar Bowl for the national title, 22-20. The team took the lead late in the fourth quarter, but quarterback Michael Vick ran through the Mountaineer secondary to set up a game winning field goal with seconds left on the clock. The win moved Virginia Tech into second place in the national poles.

The team ended the season with a loss to Boston College, 34-17, and a home win in the Backyard Brawl to Pittsburgh, 52-21. The victory gave the Mountaineers a 4-2 record at home.



Famous Amos signs a fan's photo pass. Zeroue left the University when he was a senior and went to the pros early to play for the Steelers.

First Down! The Mountaineers advanced the ball and took one step closer to their win over Rutgers 62-16. *Photo by Daily Athenaeum*

Running past the 50 yard line...
The Mountaineers overcame Pitt 52- 21. This ruined the chance for Pitt to go to a Bowl Game.

Larger than life...
Anthony Becht celebrates, open armed, towards the crowd. The win gave the Mountaineers a 4-2 record at home, their ninth straight win. *Photo by Jason DeProspero*

Two Different Worlds...
The "The roar of the crowd gives the stadium a magnificent aura." quoted a spectator. The student section was always more rowdy than the other sections.

Concentrating on the rim. This player sets herself before taking the foul shot. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Surveying the options, this player waits for an open man to pass the ball. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Nov 19 at Virginia Commonwealth (W) 63-56 Nov 27 at North Carolina Charlotte (L) 50-52 Nov 28 at Coppin State (W) 85-74 Dec 1 at Robert (L) 75-104 Dec 31 Oklahoma State (W) 80-76 Jan 2 Liberty (L) 57-69 Jan 5 at Notre Dame (L) 54-75 Jan 8 at Pittsburgh (L) 54-74 Jan 12 at Syracuse (W) 65-63 Feb 2 at Seton Hall (L) 49-58 Feb 5 Miami (L) 50-70 Feb 9 Villanova (L) 50-62 Feb 12 Seton Hall (L) 55-58 Feb 15 at Miami

Playing the Game

team was forced to relocate

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The Women's Basketball team, like many others, were forced to relocate because of asbestos in the Coliseum. The Mountaineers played their home games in town and around the state at Morgantown High School, Charleston Civic Center, and Fairmont State College.

The women's conference win came January 29 against Syracuse, 65-63.

The worst loss for the University came on February 23 when the number one ranked Connecticut Huskies came into Morgantown High School and defeated the team 100-28.

At one point in the season, the Mountaineers had a winning record at 3-2, including two straight over Coppin State and Robert Morris.

The Mountaineers were 6-20 and 1-14 in the Big East.

Nothing but net!
This player takes a jump shot over the opponent.
Photo by Student Photo Services

Get in the game!
The women's basketball coach instructs her players.
Photo by Student Photo Services

Morris (W) 90-80 Dec 4 at Florida (L) 56-98 Dec 8 Providence (L) 64-74 Dec 18 Richmond (W) 81-73 Dec 27 Lehigh (L) 73-89 Dec 28 at Tulane Connecticut (L) 35-75 Jan 15 St Johns (L) 55-61 Jan 18 Marshall (L) 51-62 Jan 22 Rutgers (L) 49-55 Jan 26 Georgetown (L) 43-61 Jan 29 at (L) 55-77 Feb 23 Connecticut (L) 28-100 Feb 26 at Boston College (L) 53-68 Feb 29 at Georgetown March 1 at Georgetown

High Hopes

no home court this year, but never giving up

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After being forced out of their treasured home of the Coliseum due to asbestos, the Mountaineers managed to pull of a 13-11 record at press time and were on the verge of qualifying for the National Invitational Tournament.

Last season the team finished 10-19 after going to the NCAA Tournament in 1998.

The University was the only men's basketball team that had no home games in their arena. The Mountaineers played at the Wheeling Civic Center, the Charleston Civic Center, and at Fairmont State College.

The Moutaineers started the season with a 72-54 win over Wofford and followed that with a close 66-63 win over Robert Morris. The University could only win one of their next four games, before a four game winning streak.

The team's longest winning streak was a five-game stretch that included a Capital Classic win over Marshall and a 69-64 win over Gerogetown.

At press time, the Mountaineers were on a four game losing streak and had only won one game in the month of February — a 62-58 win over Pittsburgh.

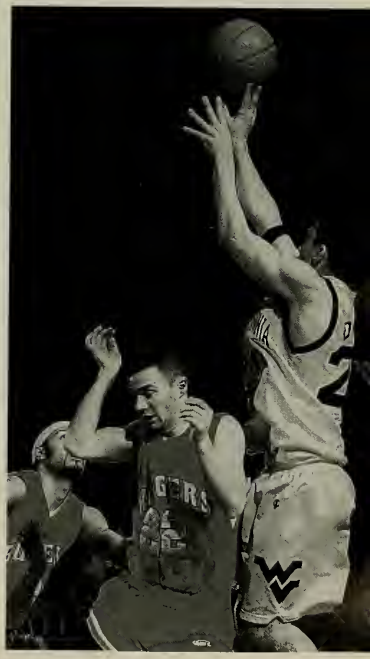
In scoring, the Mountaineers were led by senior Marcus Goree, who was 13 in the Big East with 14.2 PPG. Sophomore Lionel Armstead was 24 in scoring in the Big East, with 12.2 PPG.

Poised for action!
A teammate focuses on the looming ball as it is carried toward the basket. Last year the team was forced out of their treasured home of the Coliseum because of asbestos removal.

November 23 Wofford (W) 72-54 • 27 Robert Morris (W) 66-63 • 30 Duquesne (L) 80-94 • December 4 McNeese State (W) 93-84 • 8 Tennessee (W) 74-50 • January 5 Miami (L) 58-66 • 8 St Johns (L) 74-86 • 11 Syracuse (L) 63-76 • 15 Rutgers (W) 62-60 • 18 Marshall (W) 82-77 • 23 Pittsburgh (W) 62-58 • 15 Villanova (L) 77-87 • 19 Boston College (L)

Hugs for everyone...
Marcus Goree is captured in a defensive pose. The University the only men's basketball team that had no home games in their home arena.

He's on Fire!
Jason Dalescio takes a huge jumper over two defenders. The Mountaineer's longest winning streak was a five-game stretch that included a win over Marshall.



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Providence (W) 82-69 • 26 Georgetown (W) 69-64 • 30 Providence (W) 70-60 • February 2 Notre Dame (L) 65-79 • 5 Seton Hall (L) 66-97 • 10
76-80 • 22 Miami (L) 50-68 • 26 Connecticut (L) 71-72

Ready...Shake...
Two wrestlers respectively shake hands before the match. Individually for the University, Vertus Jones, 184-lbs., won 24 - consecutive matches to break a mark previously held by 1991 National Champion Scott Colins.

You're in trouble now...
Held up in the air, a member of the team contemplates his next move. On the national scene, they traveled to PSU for the Cliff Keen National Duals they finished 1-2. *Photo By Student Photo Services*

Hey Who Turned Out the lights? In a tangled mess of a pretzel, two wrestlers do what they do best. The Mountaineer wrestling team finished their season 6-4-1 overall and 4-2-1 in their conference. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

November 20 Navy Classic 1st • December 4 Las Vegas Invitational 16th • 11 Clarion (W) 35-8 • January 2 Great Plains Invitational • 7 Virginia Tech (W) 28-13 • 6 Cleveland State (W) 30-6 • 12 Pitt

Almost the Best

wrestlers finish second in their conference

copy by Shannon Blosser

The wrestling team finished the dual meet season the same way it had finished the season before...one step behind conference champion Edinboro.

The Mountaineers finished the season 6-4-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the conference to finished second to the Edinboro, Flying Scots.

The team's only other loss in the conference came from Pittsburgh, 20-14 on February 12 at the Shell Building. It was the second straight year Pittsburgh had defeated the University.

On the national scene, the team traveled to Penn State for the Cliff Keen National Duals and finished with a 1-2 mark, their only win coming against Rider who was a substitution for defending national champion Iowa.

Individually for the Mountaineers, Vertus Jones, 184-lbs., won 24 - consecutive matches to break a mark previously held by 1991 National Champion Scott Colins. Jones took claim to the record against Pittsburgh. Against Cleveland State, Jones also took claim to the team's fastest pin at :08.

Heavyweight Sean Hage led the team in pins with eight.

Why are you tryin' to hate me? A member of the wrestling team glares at his opponent.

Bloomsburg 19-19 • 14 Lock Haven (W) 24 -15 • 22 Pennsylvania (L) 20-23 • 22 Rider (W) 29-9 • 22 Nebraska (L) 6-35 • February 4 at (L) 14-20 • 18 Edinboro (L) 9-25 • 20 Ohio (W) 23-13

Waiting to perform, this gymnast mentally prepares herself before a competition. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

A balancing act? This gymnast perfects her moves on the balance beam. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Sticking To It

gymnasts never loose a step

copy by Shannon Blosser

The Mountaineer's gymnastics team was just like the other sports that called the Coliseum home. The team had their backs to the wall due to asbestos at the Coliseum, but they found a home at Morgantown High School and the Charleston Civic Center.

The team never lost a step taking a 13-5 record at press time.

The University started the season taking wins over three out of four opponents at Ball State on January 14. From there the Mountaineers took wins against Towson and Rhode Island, but lost to Ohio State on January 22 at Towson.

The gymnasts had their best team result on February 5 when they scored 196.275 points over Massachusetts and Radford at Morgantown High School.

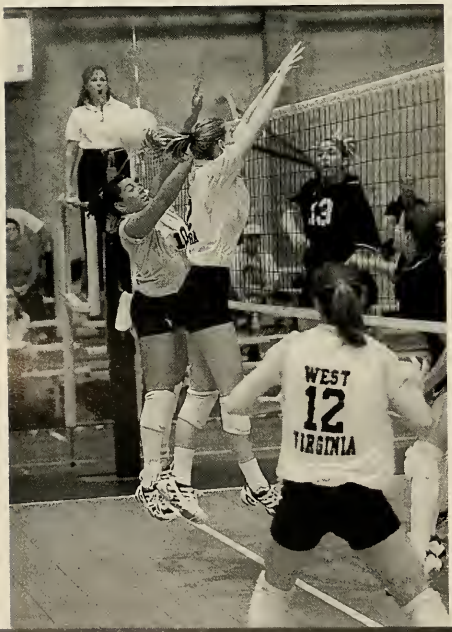
However, with the success the women had during the year they could not manage to defeat North Carolina State, where they lost 196.225-194.45.

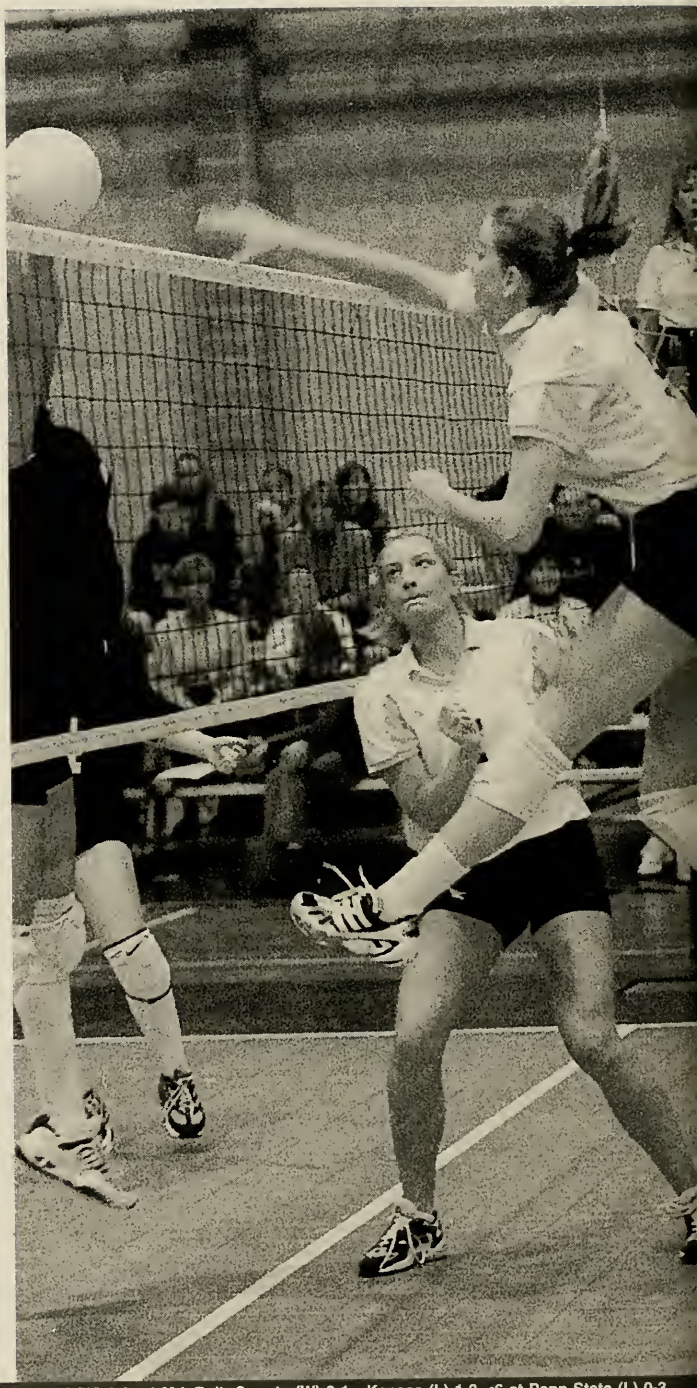
Giving some advice, Linda Burdette, the coach of the gymnastics team, instructs gymnast Alison Pratus. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Congratulating each other on a job well done, the gymnastics team had an overall record of 15-3. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Up for the block!
Nikki Hardy and Brooke Hudson go up to block the opponents spike. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Spike that ball!
This player attempts to score on the opposing team with a spike. *Photo by Student Photo Services*





12-16 Overall / 4-7 Big East •September 1 Ohio (W) 3-0 •3 Oakland (W) 3-0 •4 Md.-Balt. County (W) 3-1 •Kansas (L) 1-3 •6 at Penn State (L) 0-3 State (L) 0-3 •21 Morehead State (W) 5-3 •24 Stony Brook (W) 3-0 •Delaware (L) 1-3 •25 Tourney Playoffs •Sacred Heart (W) 3-0 •Princeton Villanova (W) 3-0 24 Georgetown (L) 0-3 •30 at Rutgers (L) 0-3 •31at Seton Hall (W) 3-1

Extreme Goals

the team's goal was to finish in the top three

copy by Shannon Blosser

Mountaineer Volleyball Coach Veronica Hammersmith set a goal at the beginning of the season - to finish in the top three of the final Big East standings.

Winning its first three matches, the team appeared to be on the right track. However, the team had a few setbacks that it didn't account for.

Due to asbestos in the Coliseum, the team was required to play their home games in the Shell Building. The Mountaineers finished their season with a 12-16 record.

A three-week losing streak, including losses to Penn State and Oklahoma, set Hammersmith's goal further out of reach.

Although its aim for a top finish was hindered, the University finished the season with four conference wins. The Mountaineers defeated Syracuse, Villanova, Seton Hall and Boston College.

Junior Nikki Hardy and senior Megan Porter completed their seasons in the top 10 Big East statistics range.

Hardy, who had 283 digs on the year, finished 10 with a 3.22 game average. Porter had 40 aces and finished 10 with a game average of 0.42.

Setting the ball!
Maureen Ferris prepares the game's winning point.
Photo by Student Photo Services

Get in the game!
The women's volleyball coach instructs her players.
Photo by Student Photo Services.

•11 at Rhode Island (L) 0-3 •Sacramento State (L) 0-3 •17 Oklahoma (L) 0-3 •Louisiana State (L) 1-3 •18 at Northwestern (W) 3-1 •San Jose (L) 0-3 28 Duquesne (W) 3-0 •October 1 at Notre Dame (L) 0-3 •3 at Syracuse (W) 3-2 •9 at St. John's (L) 0-3 •10 at Connecticut (L) 1-3 •22 •November 5 at Pittsburgh (L) 1-3 13 Boston College (W) 3-1 •14 Providence (L) 0-3

Going the Distance

cross country teams stay in the top ten

copy by Shannon Blosser

The men's and women's cross country team ran across the country keeping the University in the top ten for most of the meets.

The season started September 11 in Miami, Ohio, at the Miami Invitational were the men placed fourth and the women finished in sixth place. Both teams followed that up on September 25 at the Indiana Invitational. The men's team finished 11th, while the women trailed behind finishing 19th overall.

The men had their best performance of the season at the Bucknell Invitational on October 2, when they placed second.

From there the men managed to finish in the top ten every time but once, and that was at the November 13 NCAA regionals.

The women's team, however, placed in the top 10 throughout the remainder of the season. Their best performance was fifth place at the Duquesne Invitational on October 16.

The women finished eighth at the NCAA Regionals.

Keeping the pace. The women's team finished eighth at the NCAA Regionals. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Running their best! The men's team's best performance came at the Bucknell Invitational on October 2.

Men's •Sept 11 at Miami, Ohio Invitational 4th •Sept 25 at Indiana Invitational 11th •Oct 2 at Bucknell Invitational 2nd •Oct 9 at Penn State

Women's •Sept 11 Miami, Ohio Invitational 6th •Sept 25 Indiana Invitational 19th •Oct 2 Bucknell Invitational No Team scores •Oct 9

Johanna Fisher runs up her last hill during a Cross Country meet. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

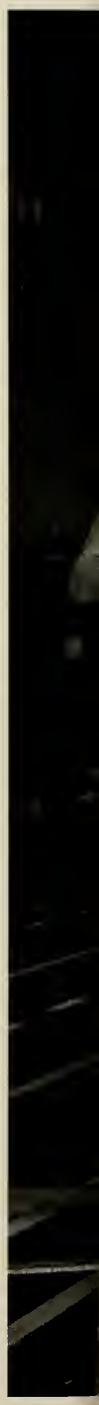
Season Success! The men's cross country team finished in the top ten of all of their meets except for one time.

Invitational 6th •Oct 16 at Duquesne Invitational No team scores •Oct 29 at BIG EAST Championships 6th •Nov 13 at NCAA Regionals 11th

Penn State Invitational 6th •Oct 16 Duquesne Invitational 5th •Oct 29 BIG EAST Championships 6th •Nov 13 NCAA Regionals 8th

The Long Jump...
Christina Brown and Erin Nett were two record breaking women in track and field.

Coaching team member
"Crazy Joe," Marty Puskin led the team to victory. *Photo by Student Photo Services*



Stellar Performances

twenty-three qualified athletes

copy by Shannon Blosser

The indoor track and field was all about qualifying for the NCAA Championships and preparing for the outdoor season.

With stellar and record breaking performances, the Mountaineers qualified 23 athletes for the NCAA Championships and the IC4A Regional Competition.

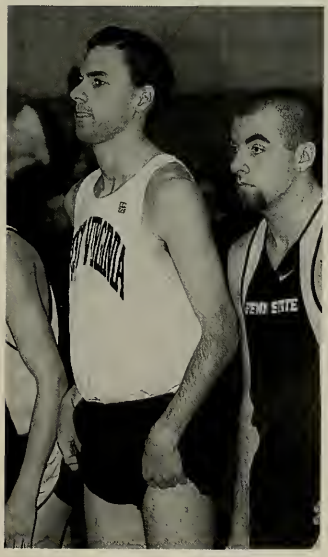
One of the athletes, Christina Brown broke the school record in the triple jump at the Kentucky Invitational. Brown, a native of Manchester, Jamaica, leaped 42 feet, 5 1/2 inches to break the school record.

At the Big East Championships, Erin Nett broke the meet-record for the pole vault going 3.55 meters. The record was previously held by former West Virginia All-American Kristin Quakenbush.

On the men's side, Steve Root came within an inch of breaking a 24 -year old University standard in the shot put at the Kentucky Invitational. The record currently stands at 55 feet and 1/2 inches.

Mountaineers leading the race! The Mountaineers qualified 23 athletes for the NCAA Championships.

Steve Bohan prepares to race. Many record breaking marks were made by the team. *Photo By Student Photo Services*



There's a long shot... Ann Marie Underwood swings through on her shot. Sending the ball flying across the net.

Bearing down on the ball... Gretchen Unger prepares to blast the ball to the opposite end. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Hard Fought Battles

women's tennis close victory against Marshall

The Mountaineer women's tennis team started the season started with losses to Ohio State and Marquette on consecutive outings. The team followed that up by getting on the scoreboard with a 7-2 loss to Maryland.

The team's closest victory was on February 19 with a 5-4 loss to cross-state rival Marshall.

Get Set! Tricia Kempton wind up and prepares to hit the ball. With talents like Kempton the team hoped to have a successful season.

Poise, Balance, Wait, Wham!... Emma Jermieczyk prepares to send the ball to her opponent.

Tough Tennis

men's tennis won 5-2 over George Washington

Through four matches in the season, the Mountaineers men's tennis team won one. And, started the season with a 6-1 loss to Virginia Tech in Charleston, but followed that up on February 19 with a 5-2 win over George Washington University. That was the Mountaineers only win in the season.

The Mountaineers lost to Clemson 7-0 on February 25 and dropped a 5-2 match to Furman on February 27.

Nice shot... The player admires his swing. The team started their struggling season with a 6-1 loss to V. Tech

Its a bouncer... This player plays a deep shot from his opponent. The team unfortunately lost to Clemson 7-0 on Feb. 25.

Stretching for the long ball... A Mountaineer stretches way out for an angled shot. The team lost a 5-2 match to Furman adding another loss to the eer's record.

High in the Sky

women's swimming met their goals

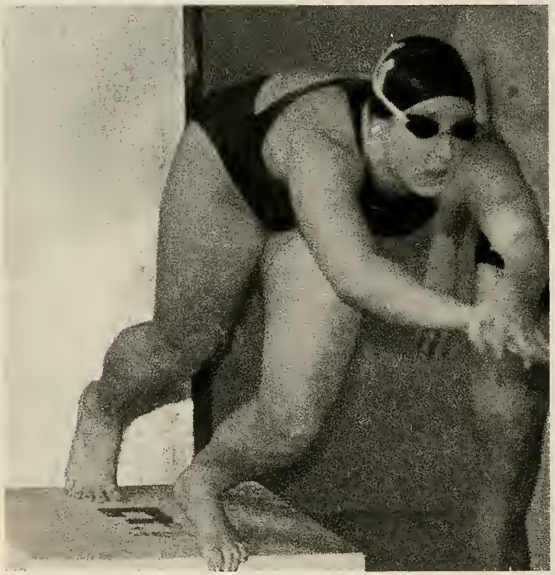
copy by Shannon Blosser

The women's swimming team had a goal at the beginning of the season, to do better than the year before.

A goal that all Mountaineer teams had at the start of their season, yet the women's swimming team followed it up by going 6-5. This was an improvement from their 2-10 season the year before and six better than their 0-14 mark during the 1997-98 campaign.

The team started the season with an impressive 82-31 win over Old Dominion on October 23, but fell on the same day to Virginia Tech, 65-48.

The women stayed that way throughout the season. They won their next meet against Navy, but followed it up with a loss to conference rival Rutgers. In invitational action, the women had their best result at the Cavalier Invitational where they finished fourth. The Mountaineers finished fifth in the Big East.



Take a chill pill... A team member plunges into the water. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Tuck and spin... A University swimmer goes inverted. *Photo by Student Photo services*

1999-2000 Results 6-5 • October 23 Old Dominion (W) 82-31 • 23 Virginia Tech (L) 48-65 • 30 Navy (W) 165-127 • November 5 Rutgers (L) 126-(165-75) • 15 Pitt (L) 109.5-133.5 • 23 Syracuse (L) 113-128 • 24 St. Bonaventure (W)

Fly Think, Fly... This diver shows good form in her aerial move. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Doin' the Froggy... This team member is swimming the breast stroke. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

117 • 6 Seton Hall (W) 148-97 • 12 Ohio State (L) 131-112 • December 3-5 Cavalier Invitational 4th, (479) • January 12 Md-Baltimore County (W) 127-116 • February 5 Connecticut (W) 161-139 • 19 Big East Championship 5th (392)

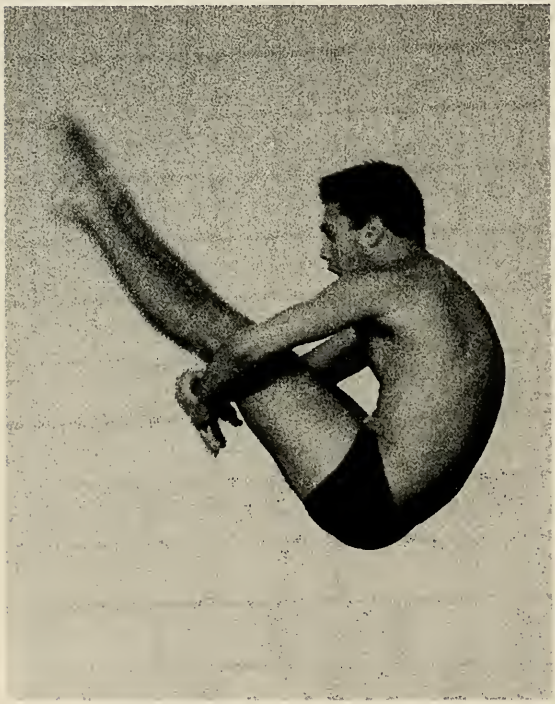
Flipping to the Future

a new coach, a new goals for the men's swim team

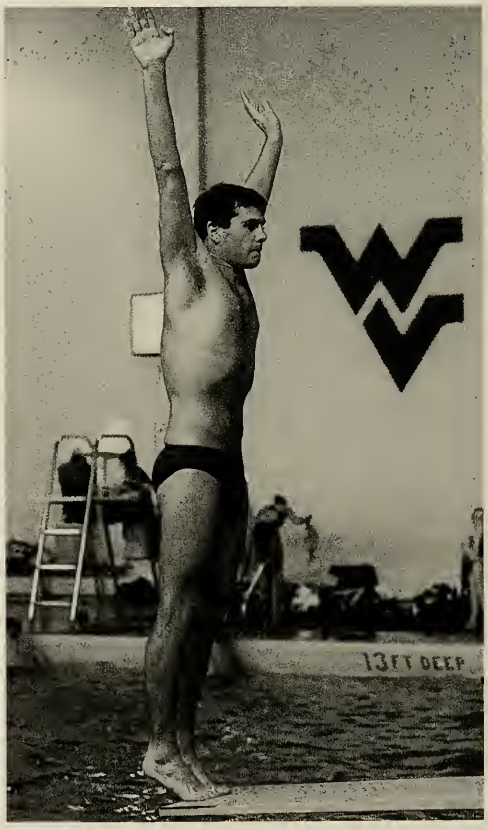
Gifted by a new coach, Eric MacIlquham, the University swimming and diving team hoped to improve from their record of 2-10 the previous year

MacIlquham strove to bring the team's talent to the surface. MacIlquham's previous coaching experiences included an assistant coahing position at Virginia. He hoped to adjust everything in the training and performance programs to help his team achieve success.

Two talented swimmers last year were Mark Moskal, a freestyler and tri-captain Brian Leverette. Another Mountaineer force was Mike Rellick who had the best team record for the 50 free.



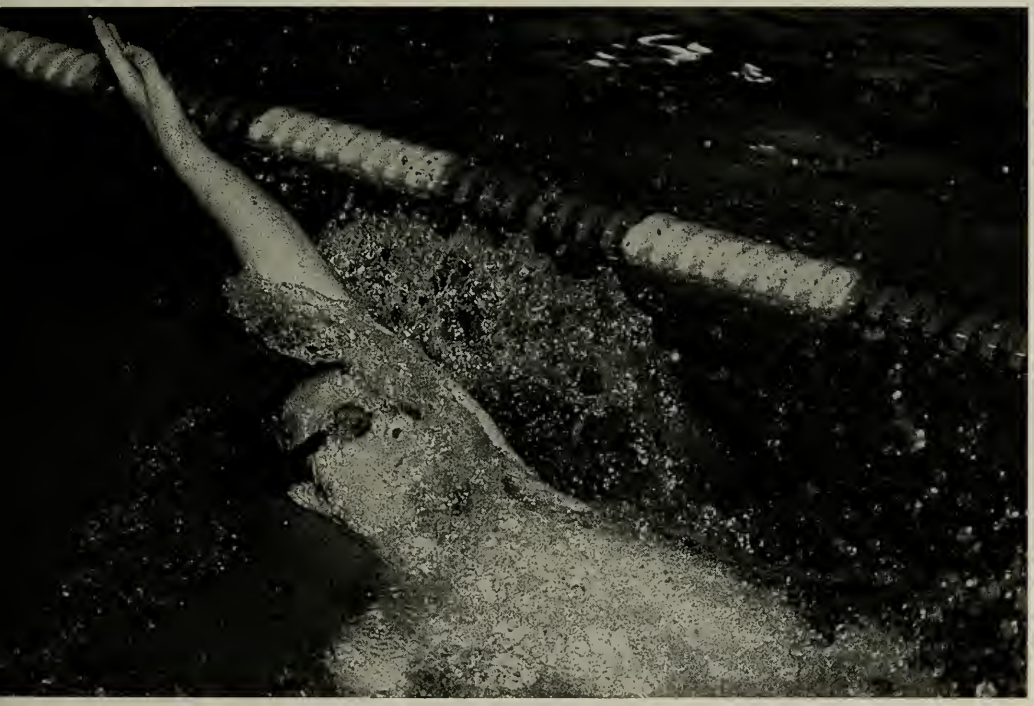
Count em' 1, 2, 2 1/2... A member of the men's diving team does a pike off the spring board. *Photo by Student Photo Services*



Its all in the arch of your back... This University diver jumps down on the board to gain height in his dive.

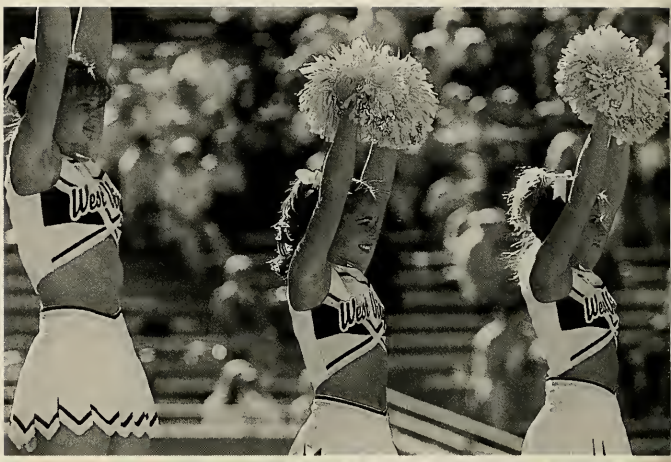
1999-2000 Results 2-8 • October 23 Old Dominion (L) 29-84 • 23 Virginia Tech (L) 38-75 • November 5 Rutgers (L) 111-124 • 6 Seton Hall 91-148 • 23 Syracuse (L) 94-142 • 24

Dig Deeper... The University Student demonstrates the breast stroke. *Photo by Student Photo Services*



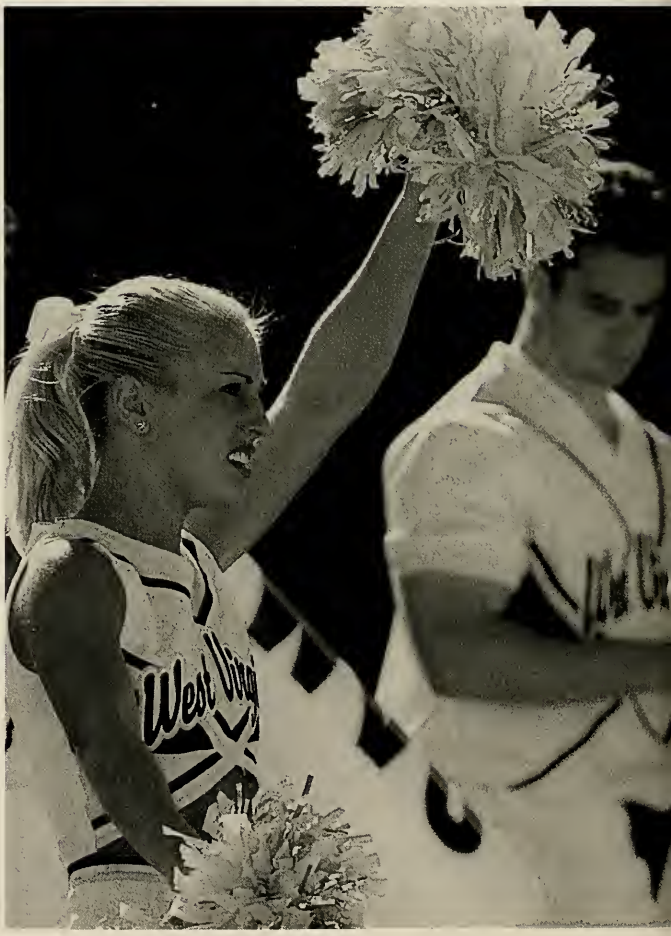
Kick and Pull... A member of the swim team pushes through the water to gain the lead. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

(W) 137-98 • 12 Ohio State (L) 98-130 • December 3-5 Cavalier Invitational 3rd 335 • January 12 Md-Baltimore County (L) 95-137 • 15 Pitt (L) St. Bonaventure (L) 105-138



Let's Gooooo Mountaineers! Men and women cheerleaders led the stand in this common chant.

Walking upside down?... This cheerleader is practicing before a home football game. *Photo By Student Photo Services*



Let's Go Mountaineers

Blue, Gold and the Dance teams kept the players going

copy by Shannon Blosser

The Mountaineer spirit program at the University consisted of three teams -- the Blue Cheer team, the Gold Cheer team and the Dance team.

The blue team was open to freshmen and upperclassmen with tryouts in September of each school year. The blue team cheered for the women's basketball team and the last two home football games.

The coach for the blue team was Christy Bryan.

The gold team, with 10 couples, cheered at all football games, home and away, and all men's basketball games, including post-season play. Only six couples were involved with travel. The Gold team tryouts were held in April of each year and the new cheerleading season began at the Gold-Blue Spring Football Game.

The team was coached by Bobbi Mohrman. All cheerleaders had to maintain a 2.0 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

The Gold and Blue varsity squads performed at many public events during the course of the year and were called upon for alumni functions and special appearances throughout the state.

The dance team was composed of 15 members who entertained at all home men's basketball games.

They performed during time-outs and also at selected halftimes. Tryouts are conducted during the fall of each year.

Cheering for the home team! Cheerleaders were seen at every home and away game with their megaphones rooting for the team.

Mountaineer Spirit Program consisted of three teams the Blue Cheer Team, the Gold Cheer Team, and the Dance Team. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Gracefully.....
These dancers made up the many dancing groups on campus. Dance team and Orchesis were seen performing at many events.

Head Up!
Kathryne Wiedebush, professor of dance, trained dancers like this one. She was also involved with Orchesis. *Photo by Amos Photography*

Dancing Spirits

the dance team kept spectators entertained during halftime

copy by Ann Mangold

It's half time at a University basketball game, and just when you're ready to join your friends at the concession stand, you find an exciting reason to stay close to your seat, the University Dance Team.

Under the direction of Cameo Raymond, the 15 women who make up the team have worked very hard. Practicing four hours a week at Mountaineer Nautilus, they perfected dances to be performed at basketball games.

Raymond said the women choreographed the dances to a variety of musical themes in order to reach a "broad audience." Themes ranged from Latin to Hip-Hop to Oldies and, of course, the traditional University fight song. Raymond also added that the women seemed to work really well together. "They're still excited despite the problems with the Coliseum," she said.

Team member Layne Howard agreed, "We all work great together, and I think that the fact that we don't have team captains makes our willingness to work as a team much greater."

Although the Coliseum was not used to host sporting events, the dance team still traveled to nine men's basketball games, including ones in Wheeling and Charleston, as well as four women's basketball games.

"We didn't let the problems with the Coliseum dampen our spirits," explained sophomore Chrystal Maykuth. "We just went out there an did the best we could under the circumstances."

Freshman Kaely Martys agreed, "My first year on the dance team was a lot of fun and I'm already looking forward to next year."

Remember, the next time you're at a basketball game that there is not a half time, but an exciting performance by the Dance Team.

Wisping around
These ladies practiced in costume in E. Moore Hall. *Photo by Amos Photography*

Dance Team Members are taking a fast break after practicing. The team usually practiced at Mountaineer Nautilus.

Turning It Around

team has six game winning streak

story by Shannon Blosser

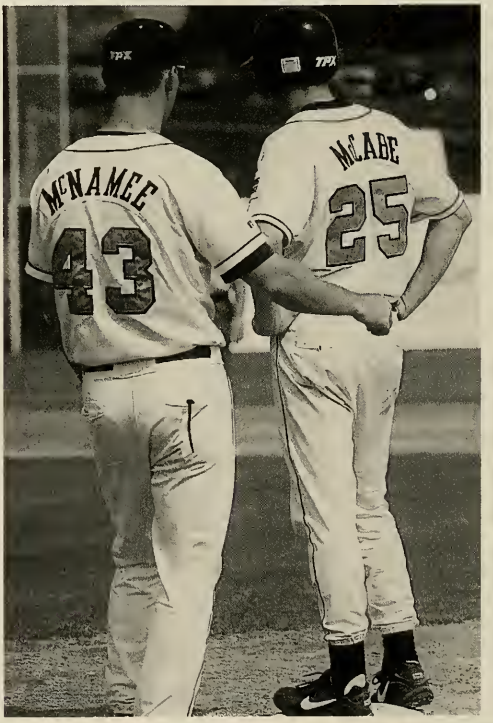
The baseball team failed to finish above the .500 mark, as they concluded their campaign with a 25-28 overall mark and 10-12 in the Big East conference.

The team started the season winning just one game in their first 12 contests. Two of those early season losses came to North Carolina on March 4 and 5. The Mountaineers lost the two games by a combined seven runs.

The team soon cut their loses and turned a major losing streak into a six game winning streak. That streak included two wins over Michigan State after losing to them earlier in the season.

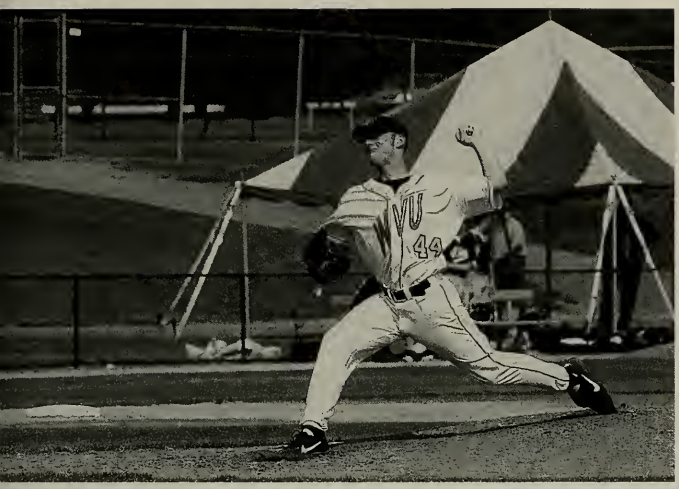
This made the team ineligible for post season play. Though during the off-season, first baseman Kevin Olkowski signed a free agent contract with the Seattle Mariners after being passed up in the draft.

Watch me!
Coach Van Zant helped the players have a successful season with a record of 10-12.



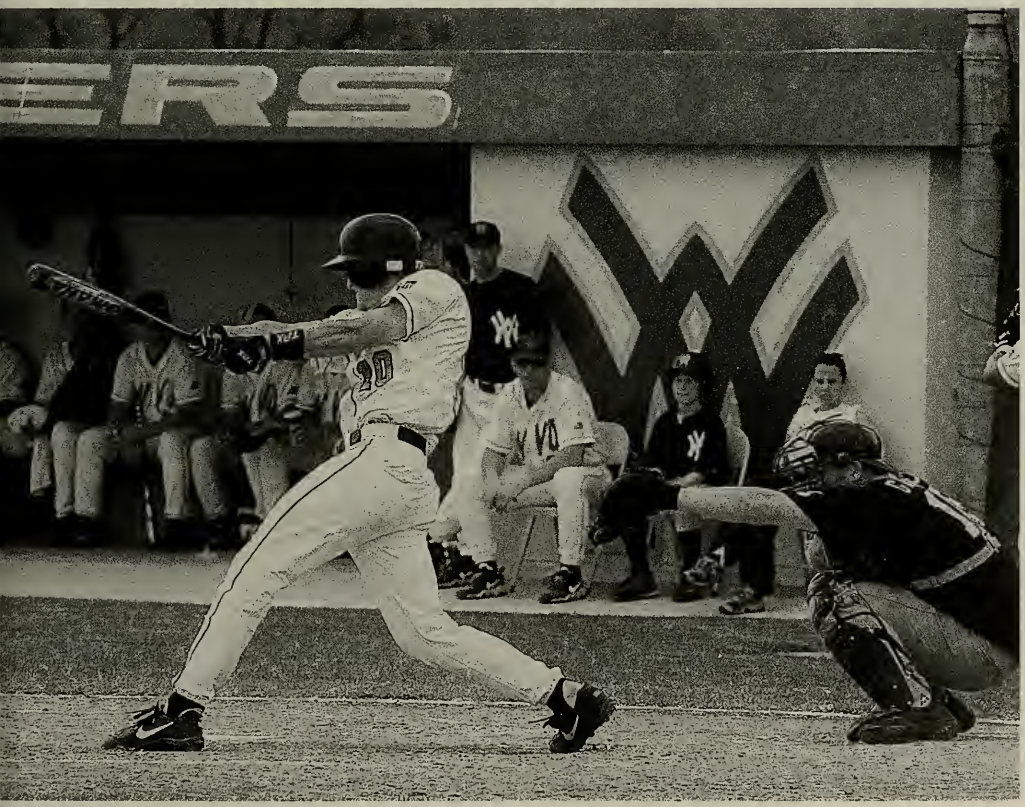
McCabe on first.
Coach McNamee lets the runner know when to go. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

25-28, 10-12 Big East • February 18 Citadel (L) 5-7 • 19 Richmond (L) 1-7 • 20 Virginia Tech (L) 2-12 • 24 Oregon State (L) 6-9 Michigan State (L) North Carolina (L) 3-4 • 5 at North Carolina (L) 0-6 • 8 at Ohio (W) 9-7 • 10 Cleveland State (W) 15-5 • 14 St. Bonaventure (W) 15-3 • 15 St. (L) 1-9, (W) 11-10 • 26 at St. John's (W) 9-4 • 29 Mt. St. Mary's (W) 9-2• April 1at Rutgers (2) (L) 0-4, 0-1 • 2 at Rutgers (L) 2-10 • 5 Youngstown 3-4 • 20 at Georgetown (2) (W) 7-4, (W) 7-3 • 25 Eastern Kentucky (2) (W) 14-4, (L) 3-7 • 26 Eastern Kentucky (L) 1-10 • 29 Connecticut (2) (L) 3-Towson (L) 5-13 • 12 Villanova (2) (W) 6-1, (W) 2-1



Pitching a strike, this player helps to defeat the Villanova University Wildcats. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Making contact with the ball. The Mountaineer player smacks the ball to the outfield. *Photo by Student Photo Services*



5-6 • 25 Cal. State Northridge (L) 4-6 • 26 Nevada (L) 1-9 • 27 UNLV (W) 15-6 • March 1 at Virginia Tech (L) 3-5 • 2 at Virginia Tech (L) 5-6 • 4 at Bonaventure (W) 7-3 • 18 Michigan State (2) (W) 6-5, (W) 3-2 • 19 Michigan State (L) 4-6 • 22 Bowling Green (L) 5-12 (W) 8-1 • 25 at St. John's (2) State (2) (W) 14-4, 7-1 • 10 Pittsburgh (2) (L) 2-3, (W) 10-8 • 13 Howard (2) (W) 8-3, 16-4 • 15 Notre Dame (2) (L) 1-3, (W) 7-2 • 16 Notre Dame (L) 4, (L) 4-9 • 30 Connecticut (W) 15-3 • May 6 at Seton Hall (L) 2-3 • 7 at Seton Hall (2) (L) 3-4, (L) 4-5 • 9 Md.-Baltimore County (W) 11-7 • 10 • 13 Villanova (W) 4-0

Back: Team Psychologist John Damm, Assistant Marcos Scrivner, April Shea, Mats Persson, Steve Powell, Tommy Caranasos, Rob Toney, Cory Willis and Head Coach Marsha Beasley.
Front: Wade Tyner, Liz Smith, Gary Longwell

Sighting in his target
This rifle team member was a part of a Nationally winning team coached by Marsha Beasly. Beasly, started in 1989, won the all-time most for the University with 102 victories. *Photo by Daily Athenaeum*

Shooting for the Gold

rifle team wins all but one match

copy by Shannon Blosser

Since 1980, the rifle team has never failed to qualify for the NCAA Championships, a span which included 13 national championships and only one time where the team didn't finished better than second.

That was last year, when the Mountaineers finished third. The team failed to qualify the full team for the NCAA Championships March 10-11 in Lexington, VA. To have qualified for the NCAA Championships, both the air rifle and smallbore teams must have been represented. The team could only qualify its smallbore team, which halted the two decades of dominance.

"I think we had a bad day on the day of the qualifier," said coach Marsha Beasley. "The way we've been shooting, we could've finished as high as second." The air rifle team missed qualifying for the national championships by four points. The team needed to fire a 1530, but could only muster a 1526 at the NCAA Qualifier on February 12 at North Carolina State.

"I think certainly folks on the team were disappointed," Beasley said. "Each of them had their worst season. They were in shock."

The smallbore team qualified for the national championships at the MARC Championships with a score of 4593. The team finished fifth overall among qualifiers.

The Mountaineers took home first place in both the air rifle and smallbore. The team had four members of the rifle team at the NCAA Championships to compete in smallbore. Tommy Caranasos fired a 1142 and Wade Tyner shot a 1147. The two other Mountaineers on the team are Mats Persson, who shot a 1137, and Cory Willis, who finished sixth overall in the smallbore at the qualifier, firing a 1169.

"We are a young team," said Beasley. "We had three newcomers."

Young team and all, the Mountaineers finished 11-1 on the season with their only loss coming to Navy on November 13, 6150-6127. However, the tournaments were a different situation for the Mountaineers

Combined the team finished second at the Walsh Invitational in Cincinnati and third at the MARC-OVC Shoot-out in Murray, KY.

Heading the ball, Michael Iannelli hits the ball toward his teammates. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Passing the ball to another player, Robert Rice led his team member to the goal. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Motivated to Succeed

men's soccer finished second in the Big East

copy by Shannon Blosser

The number eight was great for the men's soccer team.

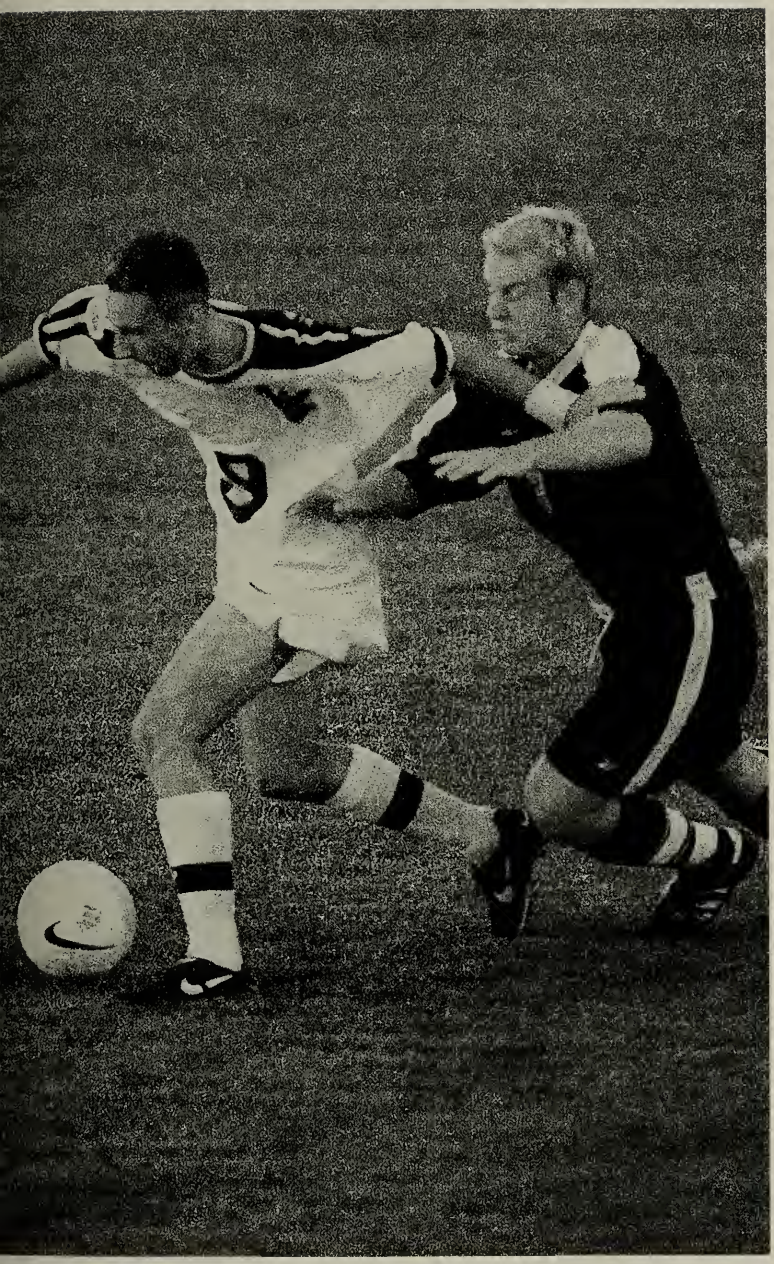
The Mountaineers eight-game winning streak proved to the conference that it was a powerhouse.

The University finished its season third in the Big East with an 13-5-1 overall.

Although the men's soccer team did not advance to the NCAA championships, the team had an eight game winning streak which included a 1-1 - tie with St. John's on September 17.

The Mountaineers finished third by scoring 44 goals. The University was led in scoring by player Craig Patton with 10 goals.

13-5-1 Overall / 8-2-1 Big East •Sept. 1 Duquesne (W) 5-0 •3 at UNLV (L) 1-2 •5 at UNLV vs. UC-Santa Barbara (L) 2-3 •8 Pittsburgh (W) 3-11 •1
George Mason (W) 3-1 25 Providence (W) 2-0 •Oct 3 at Villinova (W) 2-1 •6 at Georgetown (L) 3-4 •9 at Boston College (W) 2-1 15



Craig Patton, holding his own nudges away another team's member and stays in control of the ball.

Running for the ball, Jason Robinson tires to capture it from the opponent. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Mountaineer Classic against Marshall (W) 2-1 •2 Mountaineer Classic Wright State (W) 3-2 •17 at St. John, 1-1 •19 at SYRACUSE (W) 4-2 •22 Seton Hall (W) 3-0 •17 Conneticut (L) 0-3 •20 Notre Dame (W) 1-0 •23 Rutgers (W) 2-1 •29 at Radford (W) 4-3 •7 Syracuse (L) 1-2

Where did the ball go?
Ann Sorensen and her opponent search for the ball. The team finished the season scoring 30 goals and allowed 1.45 goals per game.

Twinkle Toes...
Vanessa Heppeller tries to keep her balance as she collides with another player. The soccer team had a 2-4 record in the Big East.

9-9-1 Overall / 2-4-0 Big East •Aug 8 at James Madison (L) 0-1 •Sept at The Mountaineer Cup 3 Illinois (L) 0-2 •5 Consolation (W) 4-2 •6 Villinova (L) 0-1 •29 Pittsburgh (W) 5-1 •Oct 1 Rutgers (W) 2-1 •3 Central Florida (W) 4-0 •8 Notre Dame (L)

Line up and shoot
Rachel Kruze gets ready to send the ball flying. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Nice play ladies...
The women's soccer team celebrates their goal. *Photo by Student Photo Services*

Seniors Missed Greatly

women's soccer get 2-4 record in the Big East

The women's soccer team, hit hard by graduation losses, finished fifth in the Mid-Atlantic division of the Big East with 2-4 record in the conference and a 9-9-1 overall mark.

In 1998, the Mountaineers had finished the conference in seventh place overall with a 4-5-2 mark and 11-6-2 overall.

The Mountaineers started the season with a surge going 4-2 in the first six games of the season including a 2-0 win over Marshall. That was the longest winning streak of the season, as the Mountaineers had to go 2-2 in their next four games including 1-1 in conference play.

The women found that the second month of play went smoother for them as they finished with a record of 3-5-2.

Sophomore Katie Barnes finished ninth overall in the conference in points scored with 31.

The team then went on to lose three conference matches including a 5-1 loss to Notre Dame.

Marshall (W) 2-0 •11 Towson (W) 4-1 •14 Virginia Tech (W) 6-1 UConn Classic •18 at Connecticut (L) 0-4 •19 New Hampshire (W) 3-1 •24 1-5 •10 Seton Hall (L) 0-2 •13 Georgetown (L) 0-1 •15 Miami (L) 0-1 •29 Ohio State (L) 1-3

2000

are you ready?

Organization

Service, Academic, Honorary, Athletic, Professional, Relig

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Students participated in over 200 organizations on campus.

Honoraries and academic clubs rewarded scholarly successes,

while pre-professional groups prepared students for the work force.

Athletic and leisure organizations enjoyed recreational activities.

Lending a helping hand to our communities, service and religious

memberships volunteered not only their time, but their hearts.

S

us, Leisure

Preparing for competition, this member of the Equestrian Team warms up in the ring. The team's competitions were held in the fall.

Enjoying the game, pledges Tiffany Wunderlich and Ginny Fink cheer with club President Candace Deaton.

Combining puzzles and prayer, a member of the Newman Club learns while having fun.

Allison Hart obtains more signatures as people join the boycott against tobacco use.

Gaining Some Recognition

copy by Larae Greer

Among the Sports Club Federation were teams like the Ice Hockey Club and the Ski Team that practiced many long hours and competed against other universities.

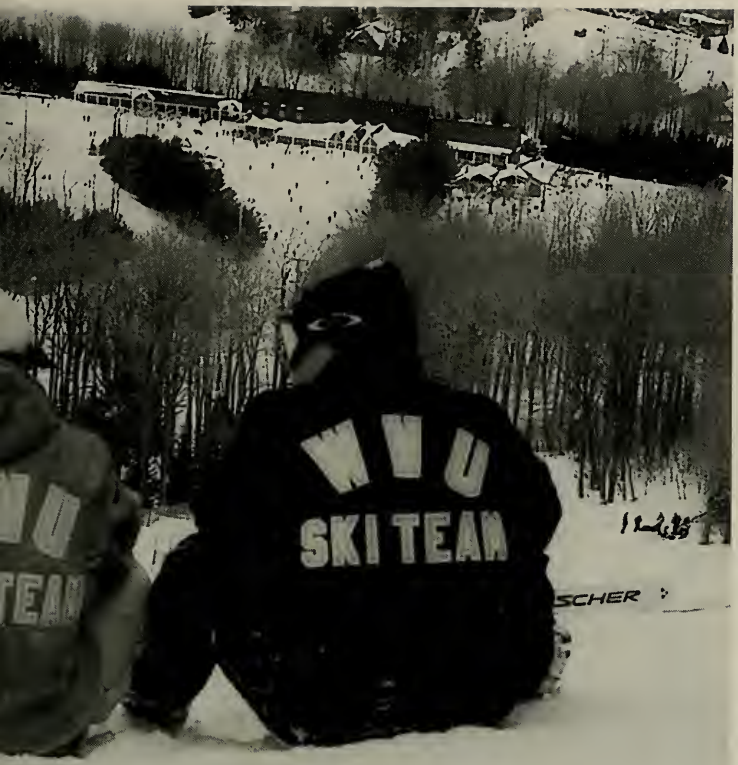
The Ice Hockey Club had been a part of the University for over 30 years. Members competed in both the Division I and Division II levels. The home games were held at the Bo Park Arena, where the Ice Hockey Club hosted the Eighth Annual Mylan Mountaineer Invitational. The Club combined their talents with community service and taught the children of the Stepping Stones Organization how to ice skate. The sport also helped raise funds for South Middle School by participating in their "Donkey Basketball" game.

The Ski Team was part of the Allegheny Collegiate Ski Conference which consisted of 10 universities. The Ski Team raced six weeks from January to March in the events of Slalom and Giant Slalom. The team was nationally recognized and was consistently ranked in the top three of their conference and in the top ten of the East Coast.

"I enjoy racing, but the best part of skiing is the people and all the fun we have together." -Ski Team President Ryan California

The Ski Team gathers behind Brandon Manns' truck before a race. They competed against other universities throughout Jan. and Feb. where they ranked third in the Allegheny Collegiate Snow Sport Conference.

Ski Team President, Ryan California concentrates on making the next turn through the Slalom gate.



Taking a break are Ski Team members David Mundy and Brandon Manns as they watch their teammates shoot down the slopes.

Mike Sargo takes a shot and scores while playing Towson University. Sargo's goal allowed the game to end in a tie 3-3.

Helping to raise funds for South Middle school by participating in donkey basketball are Ice Hockey Club members Billy Lakios and Mike Sargo. The Hockey Club participated in various community service projects throughout the year.

Dave Mundy races out of the Giant Slalom gate. Mundy trained the previous summer with the Austrian Ski Team.

Fighting For Position

copy by Larae Greer

Among the Sports Club Federation were three teams who showed endurance, determination and skill. These teams were Tae Kwan Do, Women's Rugby Team and Men's Rugby Team.

Tae Kwan Do was a student organization formed to teach its members traditional martial arts and techniques of self-defense associated with the Tae Kwan Do style as taught by the United States Tae Kwan Do Federation. The Tae Kwan Do Club practiced twice a week and accepted all students who were willing to participate and work hard.

The Women's Rugby Team started in the Spring Semester of 2000. Rugby had two seasons, one in the fall and one in the spring, however, the late start allowed for the teams small schedule. The Women's schedule consisted of four other collegiate teams and ended with a record of 1-4. The Women's Rugby Team planned on building up their schedule with other universities in the surrounding area in order to draw more females to the sport. The team was also planning on participating in philanthropies and community service events in the upcoming year.

The Men's Rugby Team had been in existence at the university since 1974. The team of 35 members won tournaments in Washington, DC and New Orleans. The team's schedule consisted of universities from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky. Members of the team spent long hours in the gym weight training and then attended practice during the week. All of the practice and hard work paid off when the team traveled to the Cherry Blossom Rugby Tournament in Washington, DC, and played in the finals there. This was one of the most prestigious college rugby tournaments in the nation which hosted 50 other college teams, and was the rugby teams most significant victory.

"I am very proud to be part of the first Women's Rugby Team. We had a lot of fun and I can't wait to start next year."
-Women's Rugby Team Member Barbara Cavaballo

A member of the Men's Rugby team struggles to win possession of the ball, near the try line.

Members of the Men's Rugby Team ruck to gain possession of the ball.

A member of the Women's Rugby Team is hoisted up to win the line out.

The Women's Rugby Team members, T. Grieves and K. Cox, prepare for a line out.

Members of Tae Kwan Do, S. Russo, V. Amario, L. Hunter, D. Smith, C. Platania, J. Havens, K. Pucket, S. Shaw take a minute from practice to pose for a picture.

Racing

Towards the Win

copy by Larae Greer

Diversity among organizations allowed students to choose from not only service clubs, but sports as well. These sports were considered part of the Sports Club Federation, and included The Cycling Club, The Equestrian Club, and The Fencing Club.

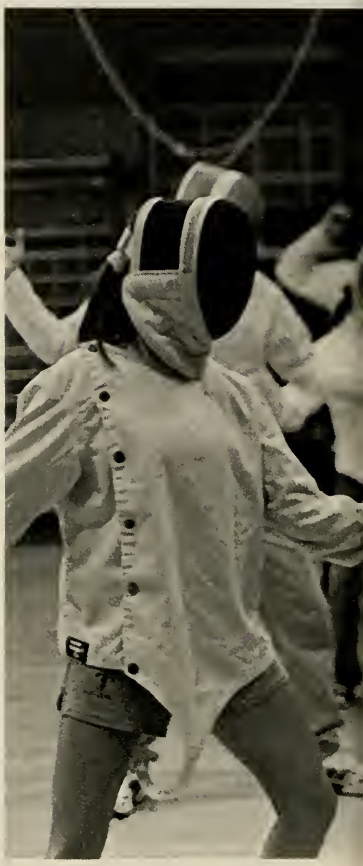
The Cycling Club provided members the opportunity to share their passion for biking with other students. This also enabled them to meet fellow bikers around Morgantown and surrounding areas. The Club raced in the Atlantic Coast Cycling Conference and attended the Share the Road Rally. The cyclists did not limit their club to riding just for personal pleasure, but also provided community and environmental support. The members assisted with trail upkeep at Cooper's Rock and other parks in the surrounding areas.

The Equestrian Team was founded in 1983 by Michelle Koury. There were consistently 40 members on the team, both male and female. The Team was recognized by the Intercollegiate Horse Student Association, and competed in Region II, Zone III of the IHSA. Although riding came first, the Equestrian Team also volunteered their time for local community service. Make A Wish Foundation was an organization that the members volunteered for. The Team attended the National Invitational Tournament of Champions and also hosted Regional Finals for the second time.

The Fencing Team, headed by Team President Todd Merrifield, held active membership in the Sports Club Federation and welcomed the opportunity to initiate new members into the rigors of their sport. In accordance with their desire to promote amateur competition at all levels, the Team held the first Keystone Circuit event of the year, the Mountaineer Open.

"Although riding came first, the (Equestrian) Team volunteered their time for local community service."

Equestrian Team President Gretchen Ober



Lief Hands, pulls in front of an opponent, during a turn at the Navy race.

Members of the Fencing Club draw their swords during a practice session. The members learned new techniques to out wit their opponent.

Cynthia Goff proudly holds up her fourth place ribbon beside her mount that helped her win in the national competition, Tournament of Champions.

Equestrian Team captain, Gretchen Ober, soars over a hurdle with ease. Ober raced in the flat class at the Slippery Rock University meet riding "Chunky Monkey."

Members of the Fencing Club are practicing their moves. The club held the first Keystone Circle event of the year, the Mountaineer Open competition.

Prescribing a Dose of Service

copy by Larae Greer

The members of the pharmacy student organizations were active not only in the development of their profession, but in the promotion of community service activities.

The Academy of Students of Pharmacy was one of the three academies of the American Pharmaceutical Association. This academy was created to foster the professional development of pharmacy students. The chapter's 164 members included students in the School of Pharmacy and pre-pharmacy curricula. The group planned a Poison Prevention Week, sending members into the local schools to teach children about poisons, as well as implemented a state-wide diabetes education and screening program. To stress the importance of immunizations, a puppet show was created.

The Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists also helped to mold the course of the pharmacy profession by helping members enhance their career opportunities and advancement, representing pharmacy practitioners in legislative and regulatory health-care reform issues and conducting national accreditation of pharmacy residencies. To provide valuable information to its members, the Student Society of ASHP hosted several speakers from all realms of pharmacy.

In addition, the group sent local winners Shawn Reed and Heather Knight-Trent to compete nationally at the Clinical Skills Competition, held in conjunction with ASHP's midyear meeting, in Orlando, FL. ASHP supported various community service projects, including the Salvation Army's Food Pantry and the Ronald McDonald House.

The members of Beta Eta Chapter of **Kappa Psi,** the first pharmaceutical fraternity to become a member of the Professional Interfraternity Conference were involved in activities which benefitted the community, too. Travelling to nursing homes during Halloween to carve pumpkins and during Christmas to make holiday cards, members were committed to service. Participating in the Adopt-a-Family program and canned food drives was also a priority.

"WVU's Student Society of ASHP is more than just a career-oriented group of individuals who meet monthly."
-President Betsy Meredith

Taking a break from their class work, Cassie Garrison and Megan Marra enjoy a night out with Kappa Psi.

During the holiday season, the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists brings cheer to the residents of the Madison House. Members Billy Boothe, Beth McDermitt, John Pope, Reagan Jones, Aimee Kota, Jennifer Johnson and Betsy Meredith follow the notes of a popular Christmas carol.

At ASHP's midyear meeting in Orlando, FL, members pause between sessions. The group sponsored local winners Shawn Reed and Heather Knight-Trent at the Clinical Skills Competition held in conjunction with the conference. At this conference, 11 students interviewed for residency and job placements.

Munching on a doughnut, Ronnie Hurst laughs with Aleshia Haslacker at the ASHP breakfast sponsored by Eckerd Drug on October 25.

Carving pumpkins with the residents of Morgan Manor, a local nursing and rehabilitation center, was a frightful treat for the Beta Eta Chapter of Kappa Psi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity. Members Kara Bazzie, Stephanie Cromwell, Trista Wierman and John Marl show off their Halloween creations.

Taking a stand against tobacco marketing are INFACT members Allison Hart and Raymond Fernandez. INFACT called for a boycott of all Kraft products owned by Phillip Morris.

In full disguise Dr. Natalie Ames and Linda Ferrise, BSW Faculty Advisor, talked things over at the group's Halloween Party. BSW afforded undergraduates the opportunity to discuss and share information.

President Hardesty and his wife, Susan Hardesty show their support of World Aids Day by placing their hand print on the BiGLM banner.

Taking a Stand

copy by Larae Greer

"BSW was a great experience. I not only had a fun time, but also learned more about the field."
-Treasurer Hank Newsen

The red ribbon was a common sight during World AIDS Day, sponsored on campus by BiGLM. The ribbon was a constant reminder of those who lost their lives to this fatal disease.

Some of the University's students were standing up for their rights and social justice; among these were BiGLM, Mountaineer-Infact and the Bachelor of Social Work Student Organization.

The Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Moutaineers was a student organization committed to social justice. BiGLM has existed at the University for over fifteen years, and was formed to serve the needs of the bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender community. However, the group was open to all students. The organization was involved in many activities including Gay Pride Week, Diversity Week and World Aids Day. The members also developed a class speakers bureau and worked with the Salvation Army by helping with the Angel Tree Project, and providing Thanksgiving dinner.

Mountaineer - Infact was a student organization of INFACT (a national grassroots corporate watchdog) activists. The purpose of the organization was to stop life threatening abuses by trans-national corporations and to increase their accountability around the world. Mountaineer-INFACT worked to educate students and community residents about INFACT's campaigns: the Tobacco Industry Campaign and the Hall of Shame Campaign. The Tobacco Industry Campaign challenged Philip Morris to stop manipulating public policy in the interest of tobacco profits. The Hall of Shame Campaign was an informational campaign that educated people about corporate influence and access to persuasion in U.S. elections.

The Bachelor of Social Work Student Organization was a group whose purpose was to allow its members to come together to discuss and share information. BSW felt that providing a forum for students with a common interest to meet and to share their thoughts and ideas would lead them towards a more productive and rewarding future.

Circle K members, Matthew Walbrown, Anthony Cole and Justin Zuccolotto provide supervision and guidance while spending a sunny afternoon with the young children of the Shack Program. As part of a day of continuous service.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega hand-off the game ball to Coach Don Nehlen after the "Run from Pitt." This was the fraternity's longest running philanthropy that alternated locations each year. All proceeds went towards the Greater Pittsburgh Area Autism Society.

The University 4-H Chorus members: (front) J.Toney, N. Riggins, D. Fisham, (back) K. McBride, P. McBride, K. Markwell, H. Strosnider and J. Rickard relax and socialize after their performance for the Student Union Conference which was held at Lakeview Resorts.

Alpha Phi Omega members prepare to welcome the new pledges. At the first meeting pledges obtain a Big who guides them through initiation.

Reaching for a Helping Hand

copy by Larae Greer

"Without the service element of the club we are no different from any other organization on campus."
-APO Member Erin Blake

Embracing the moment Collegiate 4-H Club, Amy Myers and D.J. Stuart hug. Members volunteered long hours to help the community with various projects. The club honored its members with a night of fun at the annual Spring Formal.

Community service organizations promoted more than just local volunteering. Organizations such as Alpha Phi Omega, Collegiate 4-H and Circle K committed not only to state, but national and world activities.

Alpha Phi Omega emphasized three cardinal principals: leadership, friendship, service. The motto of this organization was "Be a leader, be a friend, be of service." The chapter promoted and supervised projects such as maintaining the Mountaineer Wall and cleaning the Mountaineer Statue, and held the sacred honor of ringing the U.S.S. West Virginia Bell for memorials and special occasions. APO was also involved in youth oriented programs like the Shack Neighborhood House, the group worked annually with the Beta Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh to raise monies for the West Virginia and greater Pittsburgh Autism Societies.

Collegiate 4-H Club was started so those who were involved in 4-H growing up could stay involved at the college level. However, the organization was open to all students, and there were no membership requirements or dues for those who wanted to participate. The group was predominantly a service organization. Members participated in programs such as blood drives, SHOP program, Adopt-A-Street and volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House. The 4-H Club also conducted a Host Program which was a weekend for high school students to grow familiar with the 4-H Club program and the benefits it provided.

Circle K was part of the Kiwanis International Family. The organization's 20 members participated in a world wide service project to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder. IDD caused goiter, still birth and mental retardation. The organization successfully raised $1,000 for this worthy cause. The organization members also completed a full day of continuous service projects. These projects ranged from visiting Friendship Manor and helping walk dogs at the pound, to various food drives and supervised young children at the Shack Neighborhood House.

A time of Fellowship

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A student's faith was important to them. With groups on campus such as the Baptist Campus Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ and the Catholic Student Organization, students were able to gather for fellowship and prayer.

Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) was one of 13 such groups throughout West Virginia. BCM was established in 1920. The organization was sponsored by American Baptist Churches, however a wide range of denominations were represented. BCM regularly took part in many community and University service projects. These projects ranged from hosting Bible studies to working in soup kitchens, from traveling to Toronto on a mission trip to helping the Somalian refugees. In May, the group organized Beach Week, a trip to Myrtle Beach, SC.

For over 20 years **Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC),** an interdenominational Christian movement, gathered a strong following on campus. Founded at UCLA by Bill Bright in 1951, CCC transcended American campuses to spread worldwide. Nationally, the organization sponsored summer projects, such as Short Term Internationals (STINTS), which allowed students the opportunity to travel the world and share Christ and his teachings. With approximately 150 members, CCC's Prime Time meetings "were the only meetings on campus with a live band," said CCC President Chris Dodson. CCC annually organized three large activities. Big Break afforded members a chance to meet up with the other campus groups in Panama City; Fall Retreat designated some group bonding time in Pennsylvania; and, Christmas Conference gathered the Mid-Atlantic campus groups for a meeting in Baltimore, MD. "Our goals, known as the Three Distinctives," added Dodson, "are to win students to Christ, build up their faith and send them into the world to share the Gospel."

Celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary, **the Newman Club, WVU's Catholic Student Organization,** was a national student organization for Catholic students that served the St. John University Parish and Morgantown community. The club received its name from its patron, John Henry Cardinal Newman, who focused on the integration of faith and reason. The Newman Club promoted educational, spiritual, social and service activities for Catholic students, however Non-Catholic students were always welcomed. In addition to Friday evening prayer and fellowship gatherings, the Club's activities included Bible studies and Confirmation classes. The Club also enjoyed monthly spaghetti suppers and Bingo at the local nursing homes, as well as participating in the CROP Walk and Intramural sports.

"The Newman Club promotes educational, spiritual, social and service activities for all college students."
–President Paul Nestor

Blessing of the animals... Kristin Cutright, a member of the Catholic Student Organization had her dog blessed on St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day in October.

Beyond the bounds of the campus, the members of Campus Crusade for Christ made time for social, as well as spiritual activities. Events such as the Fall Retreat in Pennsylvania, the Christmas Conference in Baltimore, MD. and the Big Break in Panama City, FL. gave members an opportunity to meet other college students with similar religious convictions.

Preparing meatballs for a spaghetti dinner, Newman Club members Sommer Roach, Christy Aclulte, Mavis Kordek work together to create a successful meal and fundraiser. The Catholic Student Organization celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary of service to St. John University Parish and the entire Morgantown community.

Dressing up are CCC members Elizabeth Bonasso, Carissa Baxter and Megan McCoy.

Dedicated to service projects, Baptist Campus Ministries members Abby Browning, Minister Bob Turner, April Cowan, David Bunch, Teri Van Dyke, and Brianne Lykins help a variety of groups and causes.

Showing their banner with pride are the officers of the ΓΒΦ Honor Society, one of the largest groups on campus.

Golden Key National Honor Society officers group together around their banner after the induction ceremony. The honor society recognized the top fifteen percent of juniors and seniors in all undergraduate fields of study.

Surrounded by the beautiful hills, Phi Sigma Pi members Stacy Cantrell, Jason Rogers, Nathan Gerencir, Steve Lewis, Melissa Anderson, Bridget Kane, Christi Hughart and Sonia McDyer take in some fresh air at the Alpha Mu Bridge Day Retreat.

After the induction, National Society of Collegiate Scholars President Leigh Ann Massey visits with the speaker of that evening, Mrs. Susan Hardesty.

Striving For Excellence

copy by Larae Greer

Hard-working students were rewarded by acceptance into honor societies. Cumulative grade point average was a key factor in determining eligibility for membership. Students in Chimes Junior Honorary, Gamma Beta Phi, Golden Key National Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Sigma Pi were among the organizations that recognized students' scholarly achievements.

"It is a very good organization, we are able to help the community through various service projects and volunteer work."
-Chimes Junior Honorary President Hillary Jeffries

Chimes Junior Honorary selected its members based on the three ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. In order to be asked to join the Honorary a student must be among one of the University's top 40 highest standing juniors. Led by President Hillary Jeffries, the members of Chimes did more than study, the group conducted various volunteer service projects throughout the year. They helped the community by collecting funds for UNICEF and also provided gifts for the Salvation Army.

Gamma Beta Phi was one of the biggest organizations on campus. Founded in the summer of 1998, 437 members took part in 25 projects. The membership quickly grew to over 800 students and projects also nearly doubled to 20 each semester. To be invited to join, students were required to have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have completed 12 credit hours. The group's community service projects consisted of student shadowing, tutoring at local high schools, America Reads, United Way, American Cancer Society, Christian Help Center, Stepping Stones and SHOP.

Golden Key National Honor Society selected the top fifteen percent of juniors and seniors in all undergraduate fields of study. A cumulative GPA of 3.3 provided students the opportunity to be considered for membership. Golden Key offered the members a network of students, faculty, administration and community

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Working Towards Perfection

copy by Larae Greer

leaders on an International scale. The honorary also provided an opportunity to develop leadership skills. The chapter strived to participate in at least one community service project each month: Habitat for Humanity, Heart for a Hug Program, Family House Wish List and Kids Day were a few among these service projects.

With over 700 members, **The National Society of Collegiate Scholars** was established on the principle that with leadership comes a responsibility to obtain leadership and a duty to perform service. The society, presided over by Leigh Ann Massey, recognized high achievement among first and second year students in all academic disciplines. The group encouraged opportunities for personal growth and leadership development by participating in Conversation Partners program. The group also organized and supported learning through community service projects such as World AIDS Day and fostered an overall appreciation for the value of higher education.

Phi Sigma Pi's Alpha Mu Chapter, founded in 1991, was a coeducational national honor fraternity based on a strong tripod of scholarship, leadership and fellowship. Membership was offered to students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The organization focused on the achievement of knowledge through scholarship, the application of professional skills and the fostering of leadership qualities. Alpha Mu was active in various service projects including Ronald McDonald House, Adopt-A-Highway, America Reads, Kaleidoscope Tutoring and clothing and canned drives.

"Our principle is that with leadership comes a responsibility to obtain that leadership and a duty to perform a service."
-NSCS President Leigh Ann Massey

Members of the Chimes Junior Honorary Bridget Kane, Sonia McDyer, Lauren Wall, Nathan Gerencir and Michael Surasky enjoy each others company at the Mascot Party.

Members of Gamma Beta Phi listen attentively at one of the monthly meetings in the Gluck Theater. The student organization was one of the largest on campus, with more than 800 members.

Members of Phi Sigma Pi, Lisa Wharry, Keli Cunningham, Kristy Johnson, Christi Hugart, and Melissa Anderson enjoy each others company at the National Convertion in Columbus, Ohio.

Shop till you drop! Chris Greaver, Hilliary Jefferies, Ashley Norman, Courtney Flint, Stella Moats and Christi Hugart, members of Junior Honorary take time out of their busy schedules to go shopping for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army provided gifts for area children who were less fortunate.

Informing The Students

copy by Larae Greer

Communicating to the whole student body could be a very difficult task. However, with the help of The Amateur Radio Club and the Public Relations Society of America the job was made a little easier.

The Amateur Radio Club was founded in the late 1950s and was recognized by the FCC with the call sign W8CUL. The club's station and antennas were located on top of the Engineering Science Building. The organization competed with other college amateur radio clubs across the country and won many awards ranging from Emergency Preparations to the longest Rag Chew (continuously communicating).

The Public Relations Society of America offered University students a way to gain professional experience. Involved in two case study competitions the C-Five competition and the Baiteman competition. C-Five required members to develop a PR plan for a university with an asbestos problem; the Baiteman Competition required creating a PR campaign to promote the new internet site solobiz.com.

Getting the Word Out

copy by Larae Greer

Taking a side on an issue could be a difficult decision for some. The Debate and Forensics Association and the Young Democrats allowed students to take a stand and defend that decision by voicing their opinion on the issue at hand.

The Debate and Forensics Association has been in existence for as long as the University. The Debate Team participated in several intercollegiate debate tournaments in the course of a year. The team performed several debates in dorms and in the Mountainlair on student-oriented, controversial topics.

Young Democrats was a student organization whose purpose was to foster and perpetuate the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party. The organization provided an interest in active leadership and involvement in governmental affairs, and to provide the people of West Virginia with the highest degree of social equality, welfare and justice.

"It is the most intellectually challenging thing that I have ever done."
-Debate Team Captain Josh Whitehair

Debate Team members Jessica Taylor and Kim Bandy put the final touches on as they prepare to debate at Liberty University.

The Debate Team celebrates their victory of being ranked sixth in the nation. The Team participated in several intercollegiate debate tournaments followed by the national tournament at the end of the year.

Accepting their award are Debate Team members Samantha Jones and Jennelle Harper. The two were awarded first place for the novice division at the Appalachian State University Tournament.

Public Relations Society of America members Sarah Gibson, Adrianne Lewicki and Kelly Anderson helped raise funds for their organization to compete in the PR competitions.

The Young Democrats got some advice from Former WV State Senator Joe Manchin.

Experiencing

The Great Outdoors

copy by Larae Greer

The great outdoors provided adventures and jobs for many students. These students were able to get involved in clubs like The Outdoor Adventure Club, Professional Recreation and Park Society, Society of American Foresters and The Forestry Club to foster their love and enjoyment of the outdoors.

The Outdoor Adventure Club was formed by University students who had a common interest in the great outdoors. The club was recognized by the Sports Club Federation, which made the Outdoor Adventure Club an official club sport. Members of the Outdoor Adventure Club took part in many activities, including: rock climbing, Bridge Day and backpacking at Doly Sods and Spruce Knob.

Professional Recreation and Parks Society was founded to give hands-on training to interested students in the field of Parks and Recreation. The club took part in various activities throughout the year such as Bridge Day, trail maintenance, tours of corporate-owned parks and paint ball battles. Recently the members attended the WV Recreation and Parks Association Conference, which was held at Oglebay State Park.

The Society of American Foresters mission was to advance the science and practice of forestry , as well as educational technology of its members. Students gained knowledge about professional ethics and formed networks that lasted a lifetime after graduation. Some activities of the club included attending the National SAF Convention and participating in the Quiz Bowl. The club also helped the community by building houses for Habitat for Humanity and upholding the trail at White Park.

Forestry Club was a social organization dedicated to educating students about forestry practices and ideas. Annual activities included cookouts, field trips, big buck contests and firewood sales. The Forestry Club was responsible for the creation of the forestry department's prestigious yearbook entitled *The Cruiser*. Affiliated with the Forestry Club was the University Woodsmen Team. This was a group of men and women who competed in axe throwing, crosscut sawing and underhand chopping contests.

"The club is always looking for new members, no matter what your experience is or outdoor preference."
-Outdoor Adventure Club President Becky Wisnesky

Looking for a better view, the members of the Outdoor Adventure Club walk alongside the train tracks. The group searched for a better clearing to see the many parachute jumpers.

Taking a break for some fresh air and enjoying the view, members of the Outdoor Adventure Club pause before continuing their hike up the mountain at Cooper's Rock.

Members of the Professional Recreation and Parks Society pause for a minute to plan their strategy. The organization holds an annual paint ball battles.

Members of the University's Society of American Foresters: H. Fredrick, K. Baker, L. Lemly, B. Kachur, J. O'Connor, Dr. Gribko, B. Kumbier, T. Hays, B. Brashears and S. Fisher break from discussing plans of action at a regularly club meeting.

The Professional Recreation and Parks Society gathers for a quick picture during one of its monthly meetings.

Working Towards the Degree

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Among the University's 200 organizations were those that catered to the needs of students within their academic field. These clubs include: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Eta Kappa Nu, Masters of Business Administration Association and the Professional Association for Technological Studies.

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics was a global organization which had connections to professionals, corporations and customers worldwide. AIAA and Cessna partnered to sponsor the annual inter-university competition that required students to design, build and fly their own aircraft. In addition to attending competitions and regional conferences, group members also visited industries that related to aerospace engineering and received a first-hand look at practical applications of their knowledge.

Eta Kappa Nu, the Computer Science and Electrical Engineering Department's honorary society, opened its membership to the top 25 percent of students in the field. The society worked to improve the quality of the electrical engineering program by increasing opportunities to undergraduates. Members helped maintain a students' lounge and a small library (exclusive to engineering) and increased availability of projects for undergrads.

Masters of Business Administration Association served as a unifying force among MBA grad students. Members worked together to plan community and group activities and to keep each other informed about upcoming events and employment opportunities.

The Professional Association for Technological Studies was formed five years ago. This graduate student organization worked closely with the Technology Education Program to encourage and inform its members of the ways in which technology affected their social, economic, political, environmental and educational lives. Club members were encouraged to establish a connection between the practical and academic aspects of technologies.

"As part of its commitment to provide informational and educational experiences for its members, PATS is once again actively involved in working to develop a schedule for the fall Graduate Seminars."
-PATS Adviser David Roth

Members of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics show off their Design, Build, Fly entry "The Raptor." The organization, along with Cessna, sponsored this inter-university event each year.

Student members of the A I A A pause for a photograph while visiting NASA Langley. The University chapter visited local industries in the area that related to the aerospace engineering field.

M B A Assoc. members stop their meeting to pose for a picture outside of the B & E Building. The purpose of the group was to provide support and guidance to grad students.

Lending a Helping Hand

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Various organizations were devoted to helping people, raising awareness and actively participating in the community. Among these clubs were Dance Marathon, Association for Young Children and the Student Nurses Association.

Dance Marathon was adopted in 1995 by the Children's Miracle Network as an annual fund raising event. There were 35 colleges and universities that participated in Dance Marathon across the nation. The dancing was a 24 hour event, held in the Mountainlair, to raise money for children with cancer. Bands, DJ's, performers, karaoke and other items were available for those who needed a break between dances. The University's first year of Dance Marathon raised $68,000 for the University Children's Cancer Research Oncology Laboratory. The director of the 24 hour event was Tiffany Pastors.

The Association for Young Children had been in existence at the University for 16 years. The Association served and acted on behalf of the needs and the rights of all young children and promoted the general welfare of West Virginia's children and their families. President Diana Kingsbury explained that the WVUAYC also supported a nursery school through fund-raisers such as sweatshirt and T-shirt sales, and also by escorting the children in the Homecoming Parade. The organization supported the professional development of its members by encouraging their attendance and participation at regional conferences and offering members an opportunity to attend test preparation classes.

Student Nurses Association was recognized as the student government of the School of Nursing. The club was committed to promoting the leadership skills and management techniques of its members. The purpose of WVUSNA was to assume the responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide for the highest quality of health care. The organization focused on community service projects, attending to all age groups, which implemented current nursing therapies in an attempt to promote the health of the community. Members chose to participate in activities, chair committees, organize fund-raisers, plan social events or seek an organizational office.

"The Nurses Association provides one of the most important characteristics of nursing, which is leadership skills."
WV Nurses Association Chairperson Carolyn Satterfield

After a night of dancing, a few members of Dance Marathon needed a little rest before heading back to the dance floor.

Kara Bodnovich and her student, Kyle work on some basic language skills together. The Association was devoted to promoting the general welfare of all of West Virginia's children and their families. The Association has been in existence for 16 years at the University.

Smile! Enjoying their Mardi Gras Party at Cheat Lake are some members of Student Nurses Association. The club enjoyed a well deserved break after a semester of community service. WVUSNA also participated in activities that created a bond between the members.

Bonding during the fall banquet Association for Young Children members C. Kerstetter, C. Robinson, T. Hartman, J. Long, and W. Kiger. The members enjoyed a night of relaxation after months of volunteer work.

The motivational dance, was performed several times to provide support to the dancers.

Engaging in Culture on Campus

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West Virginia University possessed a very diverse student body. Many organizations formed to help make the University experience better for those of various ethnic backgrounds. Among these groups were the African Students Association and The Japanese Club.

The African Students Association began as the Nigerian Students Association in the early 1970s. At this time, the population of Nigerian students was high at the University. However, over time as more students came from Kenya, Botswana, Egypt and South Africa, the name of the club changed to the African Students Association. The ASA was an organization of firsts. It was the first student organization to set up a website and the only organization to compile a guide to *WVU and Morgantown Life* for international students. The ASA also wrote a *Book of Procedures* pertaining to the Association's rules and regulations within the context of the WVU Students' Rights and Responsibilities Code.

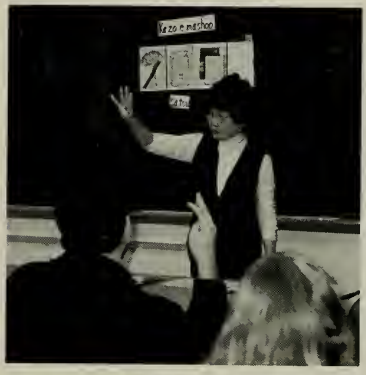
The Japanese Club was interested in the academic study of Japanese culture and language. The most interesting club activity was the work party, which took place once each semester. The members of the organization, as well as those enrolled in the Japanese Class who wished to participate, all gathered to prepare and eat Japanese food. After the feast, time was spent making beautiful origami and Japanese paintings which were sold later that week in the Mountainlair. Profits from these sales purchased the materials needed for the next work party. The profits also funded the other activities, like the Toys for Tots program, in which the club choose to participate.

"Our most interesting club activity is the work party we have each semester."
–Japanese Club President Josh Rotterman

Forming the creative and colorful shapes, the Japanese Club keeps oragami alive.

Serving food during African Night, some of the members of the African Student Association celebrate during the spring semester. The night was a fun-filled event featuring African food, a fashion show, poetry, music and dance.

Teaching the class a different way to count, Japanese Professor Ms. Minami calls out the number four. Minami also served as adviser to the Japanese Club, opening up her home to host a work party each semester.



Taking a break from their meeting, members of the of the African Student Association, pause for a quick picture.

Delighted by the success of their work, members of the Japanese Club display their feast. Once each semester the club, whose focus was the academic study of Japanese culture and language, met and prepared a variety of Japanese dishes.

Creating Student Options

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With over 200 organizations, the University provided the student body with many options to choose as extra circular activities. New organizations, however, seemed to have formed every year. Among the recently added organizations were the Juggling Club, Mountaineer Maniacs and the Role Playing Society.

Juggling Club was founded in the Spring of 1999. The juggling club was a group of students who had a common interest in juggling. The majority of the members were new to the talent, however, there were also members that had been juggling for several years, these members helped others practice and gave several tips. Meetings allowed members to socialize and learn new tricks. The club performed at many local charity events, fund-raisers and university activities. Members were always ready to perform and juggling provided the group with a nice change of pace after a rough week of classes. The motto of the club was: "When stressed, throw something."

Mountaineer Maniacs was formed during the summer of 1999 in an effort to generate school spirit at athletic events. The mission of the Maniacs was to develop a strong and loyal Mountaineer following and provide a positive atmosphere for students to display their support of the athletic teams. Membership was open to all University students, and for the $20 amount of the dues members received specialized seating at football games, transportation to and from the "home" basketball games, which were held at Charleston and Wheeling due to construction at the Coliseum. The Maniacs were generally the first ones to arrive and the last ones to leave the sporting events. They couldn't be missed in their bright gold shirts, waving noisemakers and chanting, "Let's go, Mountaineers!"

The Role Playing Society was a Live Action Role Playing troupe which was founded in the 1999 fall semester. The purpose of the Association was to integrate learning and imagination through role playing and wargamming to the student body. Members had a vast array of role playing knowledge, however membership was extended to all students in order to get more involvement. The Role Playing Association was involved in Vampire/Werewolfe Live Action sponsored by the National Role Playing Organization, One World By Nights.

"The club provides a nice relaxing change of pace during a rough week of classes."
-Juggling Club Member Melissa Hostetler

Members of Mountaineer Maniacs show their enthusiasm as they get ready to head into the game.

Members of the Maniacs, Jeff Pritchard, Steve Dodrill, Rick Hively, Casey Quinlan and Scott Barr show they were true fans before the start of a basketball game.

Members of the Juggling Club practice their stunts at one of the meetings. The meetings allowed members to socialize and teach each other new tricks.

Storytellers and narrators ready themselves for a night of running a Live Action Role Play L.A.R.P.

Members of the Juggling Club, show off their talents at a performance in the Mountainlair. The Juggling Club was always available to perform. The group took part in community and University events.

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